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Troops return home for Christmas

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Sydney Libstorff, 6, received her Christmas gift just over a week early on Friday, when her mother, Gail Libstorff, and members of the 507th Engineer Battalion returned from Iraq.

The 41 men and women of the Camp Grayling-based 507th Engineer Battalion were flown into the Grayling Army Air Field on a Michigan Air National Guard C-130 airplane on Friday.

The 507th Engineer Battalion was called to active duty Nov. 5, 2004 and sent to Fort McCoy, Wis., for in-processing and mission specific training. They arrived in Kuwait Dec. 31. From there, they deployed into Iraq.

While in Iraq, the unit served as a command and control element for other units which included dive teams, units which built bridges, schools and housing units and provided combat support.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson
Janice Libstorff, a supply sergeant for the 507th Engineer Battalion, and her husband, Gary Libstorff, told Sydney that she would try to be home before Christmas, but kept it a surprise that she was coming home Friday. Left, Sgt. 1st Class Albert Rockhold of Frederic hugs friends and family members at the Grayling Army Airfield.

NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



Photo by Dan Sanderson

About 40 people attended the third annual Night Before Christmas program at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library last week. Children and families listened to Christmas stories, sang carols, wrote letters and wish lists to Santa and enjoyed some Christmas cookies. Above, Diane Tomlinson and her children, Stuart, 4, and Anna, 2, wore their pajamas to the program.

Hatchery committee applies for federal grant

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Following its main mission, the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee is casting into a different pool of money in hopes of saving the historic fish hatchery building.

The hatchery committee this week will submit a grant application in hopes of obtaining U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Business Enterprise funds.

The grant funds are earmarked to fund and finance small and emerging business enterprises in rural areas and can be used for the repair and modernization of buildings.

The hatchery committee is hoping to gain funding to replace the roof and siding on the exterior of the hatchery building. The committee is applying for a \$99,000 grant with an estimate that the roof would take up about a third of the funds.

"If we can get the roof fixed, we can protect the interior of the building while we seek other sources of funding," said Bruce Patrick, the environmental monitor for Crawford County and a fish hatchery steering committee member.

The Grayling Township Board

is studying if it can legally pledge money toward the restoration project since the hatchery building is located in the City of Grayling. The township boundary starts just east of the hatchery property, said Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright.

The Grayling City Council has pledged \$5,000 toward a grant to bring life back to the hatchery building.

"The fish hatchery is an important part of our community and the city is trying to support the effort to make it a destination in the community once again," said Grayling Mayor Larry Akers.

About \$9,000 has been pledged from municipalities, Trout Unlimited, service clubs and businesses toward the project, Patrick said.

"The whole community, when it comes to helping people, it's just amazing," Patrick said.

The hatchery committee is hoping to establish a natural history museum in the building.

The hatchery committee completed a project to restore the fish hatchery grounds with a

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RINK READY FOR HOLIDAYS



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The ice rink by the Grayling City Hall will be open in time for Christmas. Above, Tom Wellman, a city council member who volunteers to maintain the rink, and Grayling Fire Chief Russ Strohpaul dump water on the rink with a fire department tanker. The city's Department of Public Works will also help maintain the rink.

Courthouse Christmas display created by youth

Volunteers and youth involved with the 4-H "Life's Better With a Mentor" program have spruced up the entrance of the Crawford County Courthouse for the holidays.

Mentors and mentees met at the courthouse on Sunday, Nov. 27 and spent hours decorating a planter box in the courthouse entryway.

"It's a project we've been looking to do for some time

now," said 4-H Program Associate Nancy Persing.

After bulbs were strung and garland placed, the area was transformed not only into a festive winter scene, but also into a donation area for scarves, hats, gloves and socks. The items collected will be taken to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, where they will be distributed to local families.

"I see it daily, and I'm glad that the Extension can do something really proactive during the holiday," said Ahmed Hassouna, a law clerk for the 46th Trial Court.

Joyce Frazier, a mentor from Grayling who worked on the service project said, "It felt great to do something for the community with my mentee and her family - it really got me in the holiday spirit."

For information on how to get involved with the 4-H "Life's Better With a Mentor" program, contact Ester Smith at (989) 344-3274.



The holiday display in the entrance at the Crawford County Courthouse also served as a donation area for hats, gloves and socks which were taken to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, where they will be distributed to local families.

Hatchery committee applies for grant

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\$464,000 Department of Natural Resources grant in 2003.

The committee was unsuccessful in obtaining grants from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to restore the building.

In 1914, Grayling lumber baron Rasmus Hanson purchased land on the AuSable River, col-

lected donations from friends and local fishermen and established the private hatchery where they hoped to raise grayling from eggs and release them into the wild.

Hanson and his friends failed to save the native fish, whose habitat was destroyed by floating logs down the river to local lumber mills, but their work with

brook and brown trout succeeded.

Grayling residents banded together in the early 1980s and received permission from the state to open the hatchery after it had been closed for several years.

Thousands of school groups, tourists and residents visit the hatchery every summer.

Sheriff offers snowmobile safety course

Deputy Jason Alexander from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will conduct a snowmobile safety school on Saturday, Jan. 7.

The school will held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the sheriff's office, 200 West Michigan

Avenue. Participants should be at least 12-year-old.

Upon successful completion of the school, participants will receive a Michigan Snowmobile Safety School Certificate.

A lunch break will be held and Sheriff Kirk Wakefield suggests

that all participants bring a bag lunch and a drink.

The class is being limited to the first 50 participants, who must register by calling Theresa Andrews as the Sheriff's Office at 344-3213 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sheriff's office closed for holidays

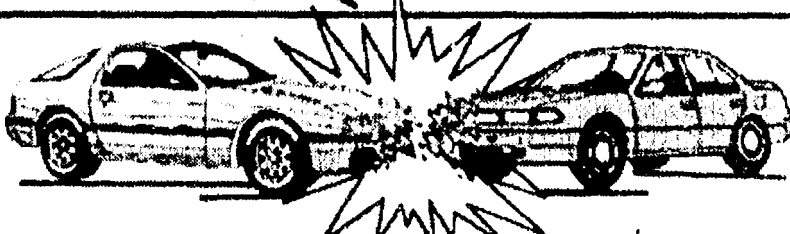
The administration portion of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday.

The offices will also be closed Friday, Dec. 30 and Monday, Jan. 2 for the New Year's holiday.

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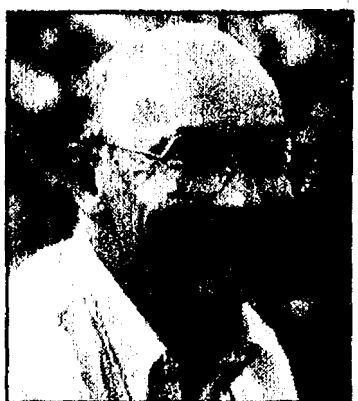
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Kids point the way to true Christmas spirit

DESPITE RECURRING attempts to change directions, Christmas time in our country -- and throughout much of the world, for that matter -- has a solid religious foundation based upon the Christian belief of the birth of the Baby Jesus.

There's nothing wrong with that. Without a belief in God, Christmas really has little purpose and diminished meaning.

This year many folks are upset out of all proportion about the difference between "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays." The White House Christmas card this year omitted specific words and used a generic greeting instead. Some stores advertise holiday sales instead of Christmas specials.

My reaction is "So what?" Why get all excited? Negative attitudes distort the true Christmas spirit anyway.

Christmas is a holiday. So is New Year's Day. They both come this time of year. Why not be inclusive?

Do we wish the best only for Christmas Day? Do we hope only Christians have a joyous season? Let's be inclusive.

Personally I wish folks a merry Christmas, but also wish them happy holidays, too. My wish is for good things far beyond Christmas itself, and extending through the New Year.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON covers several days. It's a time

for family gatherings ... to greet friends and loved ones ... to give and receive gifts ... to sing songs and Christmas carols, many with a religious theme and history. These are all good things.

But without the religious foundation, the whole thing doesn't mean much. It's simply a time of year and a few days off work.

To be friendly and happy is good. To help others -- through donations and feeding the homeless and the lonely and giving toys and clothing to needy families -- these are all good.

Jewish faithful also celebrate a miracle at this time of year. Hanukkah is a significant reli-

gious feast in the Jewish faith. It, too, is good. But it isn't Christmas.

CHRISTMAS IS especially for children. Can children grasp the idea of God and the Baby Jesus? Of course they can. If you doubt it, just talk to some children.

"God is a good friend to have."

That is one of the delightful comments about God from kids, collected a few years ago in a book under that precise title. Here are some other comments from kids, perhaps simple, but yet insightful:

"God wants peace and quiet, just like my father."

"God is always listening to

everything. I bet He wishes He could turn it off sometimes."

"God is everywhere like the air. We breathe Him in and out. He don't mind."

"God is who tells you when you have to die and it does not matter how old you are either. You have to do it."

"God is someone you can hear inside and feel all over, but you can't see Him or touch Him. But that isn't so important."

"God is a spirit, not like a ghost or scary or anything, but like a big person who isn't really there."

"God is whatever you think He is, but not a girl."

"We really don't know where God is, but you have to believe

in Him before you can find Him. It's the only way."

AT CHRISTMAS time, we search for meaning in our lives.

That child quoted in the book "God Is a Good Friend to Have" is pretty much on target:

You have to believe in Him before you can find Him. It's the only way.

From the Almanack, we sincerely wish all of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and happy holidays, too!

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Santa won't come if you're not asleep

To the editor:

Christmas Eve, 1935. I slept with my brother to keep warm. My mother said, "Now you boys get into bed and go to sleep or Santa won't come."

I couldn't sleep. The corn shucks outside our window rustled and whispered against the glass. I shut my eyes and tried to sleep. I asked my brother, "Are you asleep?" And he said, "Go to sleep, there ain't no Santa Claus, I told you a hundred times, it's them, Ma and Pa, they put out the presents." He thought

he knew it all just because he was nine and I was only five.

He must have gone to sleep, but I laid there with my eyes shut. Then I heard someone say something in the living room where we had the tree. I saw a crack of light at the bedroom door and a shadow standing there. It was my mother.

"Richard, are you asleep?" she said. "Yup," I said. My brother said, "You dummy."

Richard Slater
Grayling

Women aren't good enough?

To the editor:

I am appalled at the Crawford County Avalanche. Reading the paper this week, I came across the article about the fire department hiring new recruits. The first line said they are "looking for a few good men."

This is the 21st century. Women aren't good enough for the Grayling Fire Department?

I believe an apology is in order.

Colleen Rogers
Grayling

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an

address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

VIEWPOINT

by Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Impaired driving in Michigan: A Sobering Story

In 2004, 418 people died in Michigan as a result of alcohol and/or drug involved traffic crashes. Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.

In 2004, law enforcement agencies in the state arrested 55,070 motorists for drunk driving. That's just 150 every day. Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.

Crashes involving drinking tend to be more serious than non-drinking crashes. The percentage of fatalities is eight times higher than in all crashes, and the number of serious injury crashes is almost four times higher. Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.

The severity of injuries is much worse for drivers and passengers who have been drinking. Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.

Three in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Every 30 minutes, nearly 50 times a day, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In Michigan, approximately 550 law enforcement agencies throughout the state are participating in the You Drink & Drive. You Lose. initiative, sponsored by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Sheriff Wakefield would like to remind everyone that the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will once again be participating in the Office of Highway Safety Planning's drunk driving campaign scheduled for Dec. 19 through Jan. 1, 2006 titled You Drink & Drive. You Lose.

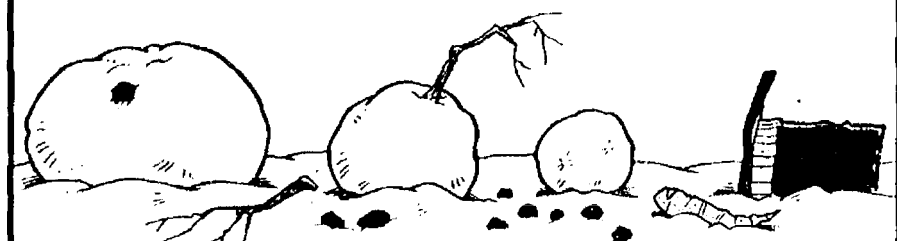
Historically Speaking



According to the February 23, 1882 Crawford County Avalanche the newspaper changed hands to the new editor and proprietor, Dr. Oscar Palmer the previous week. Most photos of Dr. Palmer show him with a short beard. One of our readers submitted the photo above showing Dr. Palmer's beard flowing across the floor. Evidently he would tuck his beard into his sport coat to keep it out of the way.

The first day of winter is December 21!!

On this day, also known as the Winter Solstice, the Sun is farthest South. It is also the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, being that there are only 9.5 hours of daylight in some places.



EARLY DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our office will be closed on Monday, December 26.

Deadlines for the December 29th Avalanche will be:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 22 5 pm
Community News: Fri. Dec. 23 by noon
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Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Dec. 27 by noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th at 9 am.

Our office will be closed on Monday, January 2.

Deadlines for the January 5, 2006 Avalanche will be:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 29 5pm
Community News: Fri. Dec. 30 by noon
Classified Display Ads: Fri. Dec. 30 by noon
Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Jan. 3 by noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9 am.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Snowmobile safety classes to be held

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association will be holding snowmobile safety classes for those 12 years of age or older on Jan. 3, 4 and 5, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Grayling High School. Call 989-348-2317 to sign up.

Host family needed

The Grayling Rotary Club Youth Exchange is in need of a family to host Dante Velasquez from Peru, beginning in February 2006, until his departure at the end of July. Dante is in the senior class at Grayling High School. He would like to become a Mechanical Engineer. His hobbies are soccer, swimming, salsa music, and dance. This is a great opportunity to foster international relations. The Grayling Rotary Club provides assistance and support. For more information call Norm Schmooch at 989-348-5132.

Ski industry offers families winter incentives to stay healthy

Hanson Hills of Grayling and the Cross Country Ski Headquarters of Roscommon have teamed up with McDonald's restaurants statewide and other ski areas across the state to offer a program that provides customers an opportunity to try healthy winter activities such as skiing (downhill and cross-country) and snowboarding at discounted prices.

Now available at participating McDonald's restaurants, the "Discover Michigan Skiing" value vouchers can be redeemed for affordable "learn-to-ski" or "learn-to-snowboard" packages. The costs for downhill or cross-country ski packages are \$40 (ages 10 and older). The vouchers are valid between Jan. 3 until Jan. 31; participants choose the place they wish to visit and then call to pre-register.

Additionally, each ski voucher program participant will receive a packet in the mail including a coupon valid for \$20 off the purchase of \$100 or more in ski-related merchandise at participating retail ski shops.

"Discover Michigan Skiing" is a great way to kick start your New Year's resolution and stay active during the cold winter months. This is a great partnership and opportunity to further McDonald's commitment to balanced lifestyles," said Jerry Olinik, a metropolitan Detroit owner/operator.

Mickey MacWilliams, executive director of the Michigan Snowsports Industries Association, recommends calling as early as possible to schedule a lesson as the lesson times fill up quickly.

"Since the Discover Michigan Skiing program is so affordable and fun, we have skiers of all ages participating each year," she said.

New for the 2005-2006 ski season is a "Caught Being Safe" ski helmet partnership with McDonald's, the Michigan Ski Patrol and the Field Neurosciences Institute. Michigan Ski patrol members, at participating ski resorts, will reward children "caught" wearing their ski helmets with a coupon for a free hot chocolate from McDonald's.

Nominations open for O.B. Eustis Environmental Award

Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council is now accepting nominations for the O.B. Eustis Award.

The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals or businesses that have consistently represented a balanced long-term view of reconciling the protection of the environment with the intelligent use of our natural resources.

The nominees may come from the eleven-county region of Northeast Michigan including Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. The winner(s) will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of Huron Pines RC&D on Feb. 4, 2006.

The award is named for the late O.B. Eustis because his work was an excellent example of balancing environmental and economic concerns.

Eustis was widely known and respected as an industrialist, an environmentalist, and a nature columnist.

Some of the past winners include Evergreen Recycling of Alpena, Henry Waterkamp of Atlanta, A.J.D. Forest Products of Grayling, and Robert and Mickey Strong and Vernie Nethercut of Alpena.

Nomination forms, along with the criteria by which the applicants are judged, can be obtained by contacting: Huron Pines RC&D, 501 Norway St. Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989)348-9319, Email: info@huronpines.org.

Four-week nursing assistant course offered

Kirtland Community College will be offering a four-week Nursing Assistant Course during its next semester.

The class will take place on the Roscommon campus, and the clinical practice will be hosted at the Grayling Nursing Centre in Grayling.

Registration for the course will take place Monday through Tuesday, Jan. 9-17, and the course begins Monday, Feb. 6.

To be eligible for the class, students will need to submit in advance a completed physical exam form, negative TB test, and sign a permission form for the college to perform a criminal background check (felonies will make the student ineligible).

To obtain these forms and information about the course, contact Deb Near in Kirtland's Health Careers Department at 989-275-5000, ext. 281.

Small farm conference to be held at Grayling High School

State agriculture officials will be spreading the benefits of small farming in Grayling next month.

The seventh annual Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Grayling High School, 1135 N. Old 27.

Percy Schmeiser, a canola farmer for Saskatchewan, Canada, is the keynote speaker for the conference. Schmeiser's presentation will center on the farmer's ability to save seed and make choices on farming methods and crops that will grow in the future with emphasis on how these techniques relate to new patent laws on seeds and plants.

Some topics covered in workshops at the farm conference include renewable energy for the small farm, using food as medicine, enhancing beneficial insects with native plants, exploring the possibilities of organic farming and using holistic decision making skills on the farm.

Exhibitors will have lots of ideas to help small farmers

make their operations successful and will have merchandise available for purchase.

The lunch at the conference will feature locally grown foods prepared by the Grayling High School kitchen staff.

The conference is sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension, Michigan State University-Project Green, C.S. Mott Chair in Sustainable Agriculture at MSU, the Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance and the Michigan Food and Farming Systems.

The registration fee, which covers the cost of the conference, lunch and break refreshments, is \$40 per person and \$25 for each additional person. The registration deadline is Jan. 20.

Late registration or walk-in registration will include an additional \$5 per person and does not guarantee lunch availability.

For more information on the conference, contact the Antrim County Michigan State University Extension Office at (231) 533-8818.

DTE Energy Foundation announces major awards program for Michigan's top non-profit organizations

The DTE Energy Foundation will award \$400,000 to the winners of its 2006 Achieving Excellence Awards, the state's largest corporate grant competition for non-profit organizations. Awards of up to \$100,000 each will be presented in four categories: special achievement, leadership, collaboration and sustainability.

"The DTE Energy Foundation established the Achieving Excellence Awards to recognize and reward the state's exemplary non-profit organizations, and to encourage others to follow their lead," said Fred Shell, vice president, corporate and governmental affairs, DTE Energy, and president of the DTE Energy Foundation. "The awards are substantial because we want to play a part in helping the recipients continue their good work."

In light of Michigan's current economic downturn, the Foundation will present a Special Achievement Award to recognize the non-profit organization that has best analyzed and positioned itself to respond to resulting community needs.

"Michigan's economy is facing significant challenges, which means that more people will need assistance from non-profit organizations," noted Shell. "As the demand for services grows, the work of these organizations will become more challenging, and more important than ever before."

The Foundation's Leadership Award will recognize the non-profit organization that demonstrates the clearest vision and

strategy for developing leadership, support and guidance within its organization, as well as overall excellence in promoting leadership development. The Collaboration Award will recognize the most outstanding collaboration between three or more organizations, of which at least one is non-profit. The Sustainability Award will recognize the non-profit organization that has best achieved organizational financial stability through the planning and attainment of a diversified revenue base.

Past winners of Achieving Excellence Awards include the Detroit Science Center, the Southwest Detroit Business Association, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, the Lansing-based Michigan Nonprofit Association, the Inland Seas Education Association in Suttons Bay, and the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula in Escanaba.

To be considered for the Achieving Excellence Awards, organizations must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and be located within DTE Energy's service area.

The application deadline is January 31, 2006. Applications will be judged by an independent panel of leaders in Michigan's philanthropic community from around the state. Winners will be announced in June 2006.

Applications and additional information on the Achieving Excellence Awards may be obtained online at www.dteenergy.com/foundation or by calling (313) 235-9271.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 18 of \$25 each: George Stancil, Allan Smith, Dennis Wakeley, John Besonen and Sydney Klee.

Project Graduation The "Lucky 300 Club" raffle winner of \$100 for Dec. 9 was Sally Yost, and Dec. 16 was Pat Riegle.

Christmas

Christmas time is coming, we hear throughout this land.
Of Santa Clause, of reindeer paws and all the goodies we can stand.
We can't wait for Christmas morning, to open gifts galore.
To get the things we think we need and often hope for more.
As a nation we are selfish, we have more than what we need.
We don't give thought to those without, for them we do not plead.
We say a prayer for loved ones, for those we hold so dear.
But what about the ones in need that we don't see or hear?
They don't ask for presents or fancy clothes to wear.
They only ask for food to eat and someone who will care.
Someone who tells of Jesus, the story of his birth.
The one's who bring his spirit and tell why he came to earth.
He is the greatest giver the world has ever known.
He gave his life that we may live and never be alone.
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The Bible Speaks

Merry Christmas!

Do you remember when Christmas was a joyful time? Do you remember when "Merry Christmas" was the normal friendly greeting exchanged in public each year? Do you remember when Christmas was only "Bah, humbug!" to some miserable old Scrooge in a storybook or movie? Do you remember when companies were eager to include Christ's name in their advertisements? Come to think of it, don't most of their Christmas customers claim to be Christians anyway? And doesn't a large part of their sales success come from selling gifts to Christians who celebrate Christmas? One would logically reason that offending Christians at Christmas is not sensible and cannot expand profits. One wonders how many disgruntled atheists and secularists still buy gifts at Christmas anyway? and for what reason?

Some now say "Happy Holiday" instead of "Merry Christmas." But Happy Holiday is an altered form of Happy Holy Days. So what Holy day are they desiring for us to observe in place of our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ and Merry Christmas are not outdated words to be ashamed of, ignored, or replaced in some kind of silent

sacrificial censorship to the idols of political correctness.

Hatred of Jesus Christ, Christianity, and Western Civilization is the driving force behind all this discrimination. The miracle of Christmas is the fact that eternal God was manifest in human flesh. We read in 1 Tim. 3:16: "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." This was prophesied in Isa 7:14: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." This prophecy was fulfilled by the birth of Jesus Christ as we read in Matt 1:23: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

But why did God the Father send God the Son into the world to become flesh? We are told in 1 John 4:9,10: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us,

and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." We are told in 1 Pet 2:24 how He did this: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Jesus Christ died as our substitute for our sins as we are told in 1 Pet 3:18: "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."

The greatest possible miracle to know this Christmas is that Jesus Christ is living right now within your heart and life. Believe God's promise in John 1:12: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." The greatest gift you can receive this Christmas is to ask Jesus Christ to forgive you of all your sins and to live within your heart. The greatest joy of Christmas is to know Jesus Christ as your God and Savior! Merry Christmas! Pastor "B"

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BIRTHS

Lisa and Corey Northrop, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their son, Logan Ryan, born at Mercy Hospital on October 28, 2005, at 9:32 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 13 ozs. and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length.

Marlana and Chris Kucharek, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their son, Ethan Michael, born at Mercy Hospital on October 28, 2005, at 9:36 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 4 ozs. and measuring 19 inches in length.

Lacy Moore and Michael Lovely, of Grayling, announce the arrival of a son, David Michael, born at Mercy Hospital on December 1, 2005, at 1:31 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 3 ozs. and measuring 19 1/4 inches in length.

Mary Greene, of Grayling, announces the arrival of her twin sons, Matthew Thomas, born at Mercy Hospital on December 4, 2005, at 3:18 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 4 ozs. and measuring 19 inches in length, and Nicholas James, born at Mercy Hospital on December 4, 2005, at 3:21 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 8 ozs. and measuring 18 inches in length.

Jennifer Angell, of Roscommon, announces the birth of a daughter, Jazmin Lynn, born at Mercy Hospital, on November 30, 2005, at 8:25 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 15 ozs. and measuring 19 1/4 inches in length.

OBITUARIES

Donna Malinowski
Oct. 6, 1936 - Dec. 13, 2005
Donna Malinowski, of Grayling, passed away on December 13, 2005 in Apopka, Fla.

Donna was born on October 6, 1936, in Fostoria, Ohio to Clyde and Vivian Koch. She was a graduate of Fostoria High School. She married Edward Malinowski on October 1, 1955.

Donna was a past Auxiliary President for the American Legion, member of the VFW, and helped at many of the community events, including food distributions that were held at the American Legion.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; sons: Edward and David; brothers, George Gingerick of Grayling and John Gingerick of Bay City; sisters: Sarah Beck of Rosecommon, June Griffith and Rose Jernberg, both of Grayling; sister-in-law, Shirley Jordan of Toledo, Ohio, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Louis Gingerick, and sister-in-law Nancy Gingerick.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In Memory of

Charles (Gus) Williams

Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our Dad shines down to let us know that he is happy.

Love, Pat and Sharon

Lucille Ann Mackay
Dec. 21, 1932 - Dec. 18, 2005

Lucille Ann Mackay, 72, of Grayling, passed away on December 18, 2005.

Lucille was born on December 21, 1932, in Saginaw to Albert and Lucille (Donahue) Whitehouse.

Lucille was a mother and grandmother who took great care of her family, they were the loves of her life.

She is survived by her daughters: Kimberly Parkhurst of Hillman, Connie Coffman, Christy Tait, and Kathy Mackay, of Grayling; sons: James (Cindy) Mackay of Minn. Michael (Nancy) Mackay of Gaylord and Scott Mackay of Fla.; sisters: Sally (Hal) Swartz of National City, Sue (Dale) Taylor of Jackson, and Nancy (Ed) Howell of Clío; twenty-three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son-in-law David Tait, grandson Aaron, and granddaughter Heather.

A service was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements were made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 94 complaints the week of Dec. 12 - Dec. 18:

Thirty-two traffic accidents, one accident non-traffic, one plan review, two accident, five civil matters, family disputes, six suspicious situations, 18 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minors, five false alarms, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, one burglary-no forced entry-residence, three larcenies, one damage to property, nine public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL, one health and safety, two driving violations/driving on revoked/suspended license and two driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 23 - Closed - Monday, Dec. 26 - Closed -

Tuesday, Dec. 27 - Lunch - liver and onions, fried cabbage with bacon, California blend, and applesauce. Dinner - stuffed cabbage, boiled potatoes, spinach and cake. 10 a.m. Tenant Council Mtg. 6 p.m. Pool.

Wednesday, Dec. 28 - Lunch - beef tips and noodles, cauliflower, vegetable salad and fruited Jell-O. Dinner - baked fish, coleslaw, green bean Almondine, macaroni and cheese, oranges and grapefruit. 10 a.m. line dancing, 12 p.m. Stag Club, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, Dec. 29 - Lunch - BBQ chicken, scalloped potatoes, peas, and orange. Dinner - beef burritos, lettuce and tomatoes, Mexican corn and peaches. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

In Loving Memory of Charles (Gus) Williams who passed away December 18, 1994

Another Year Without You and yet we understand, our Savior came spoke your name then gently took your hand. With promise of eternal life His words have all come true, I go prepare a place up there and I will come for you.

Our loving you continues our heartache doesn't cease, knowing you are safe with him through faith we find our peace.

Sadly Missed, Deeply Loved, Wife Sammie, Family & Friends

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Dec. 22 - 28 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lakes, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during Dec. 22 and Dec. 27-28.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training

requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

Christian Science Society
209 First St., Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service.....10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday.....7 pm
Sunday School.....10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Rev. Robert Schoenhals
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Website: www.mumc.org
Barrier Free
Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade).....11 am
Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School.....11 am
(Childcare Available during 11:00 service)
Bible Study (Wed).....10:30am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 989-275-1061
Services held Saturday at
Camp AuSable off M-72 East
(let building on right inside camp entrance)
Sunday Church Service.....9:30 am
Sunday Sabbath School.....10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based & non-denominational)
Pastor Larry Hankins
Associate Pastor Ron Pounce
8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovells
989-348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult).....10 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study.....7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Rick Seck - Pastor
6652 (M-72) W. • 348-9093
Early Service.....8:30 am
Sunday School.....10:30 am
Morning Service.....11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday).....7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship.....11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School.....9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wednesday.....7 pm

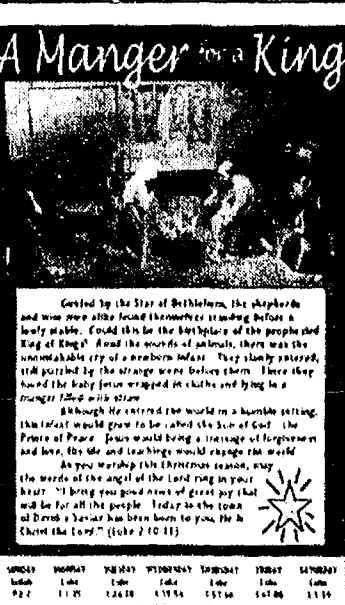
Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor Gary Wojcik
701 S. 17th Business Loop
Parsonage 348-7466
Sunday School.....9:30 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Evening Service.....6 pm
Family Night Adult Youth-Children (Wed).....7 pm

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Sunday Worship.....10 am

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Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

A Manger for a King



and now we are told that the angels were sent to the shepherds to tell them that the Messiah had been born. They found the baby Jesus in a manger, and they were the first to worship Him. This is the story of the birth of Jesus Christ, and it is the story that we celebrate every year at Christmas.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament.....10 am
Sunday School.....11 am
Primary.....11 am
Priesthood.....12 noon
Relief Society.....12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School.....10 am
Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth Service.....11 am
Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm
Wednesday Service.....7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm
(van transportation available)

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School.....9:15 am
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Stephan
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Green Rd. • 348-9751
Church School.....9:45 am
Preaching.....11 am
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
Parrish Office - 708 Peninsular - 348-7657
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Norway & M-72 West
Saturday Vigil Mass.....4:30 pm
Sunday Masses.....10:00 am
Daily Masses.....8:30 am
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend Elizabeth Chace
M-72 West • Office 348-5850
Morning Prayer Tues-Fri.....8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed).....8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist.....8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Fellowship
Pastor Bud & Debbie Mann
Sunday Service.....10:30 am
Mid Week Services (Wed).....7:00 p.m.
are held at Milltown Corner Building
(Behind Cornell Real Estate)
Mail: 9141 N. Cur River Rd. Rosecommon, MI 48651
Phone: 989-348-9382 or 989-821-6722
E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wednesday.....7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.).....7 pm

Church of Christ
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613
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Sunday Mornings on
TV 29 & 8.....7:30 am
Sunday Classes.....9:45 am
Sunday Worship.....11 am
Sunday Evening.....6 pm
1st Sunday Evening of every month there is no service.
Mid-Week Bible Study (Wed).....7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School.....10 am
Sunday Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
705 Madsen St. • Grayling • 348-2557
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11 am
Evening Service.....6 pm
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
Pastor David Rosenberg
Associate Pastor Scott Roffler
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday Church Service.....10 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday School.....9 am
Bible Study (Wed.).....7 pm
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed.....6:30 pm

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Duffee
2247 Duffee Lane
Sunday School.....10 am
Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska • (231) 258-3448
Sunday School.....11 am
Worship Service.....11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer (Wed.).....7 pm

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Sunday.....9 am

Friendship Church
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415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School.....9 am
Morning Worship.....10 am
Tue. Women's Bible Study.....10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study.....12 noon

Christmas Services



Michelson Memorial - 348-2974
Christmas Eve
Family Service - 5:30 pm
Candlelight Service - 7:30 pm
Candlelight Service with Communion - 11:00 pm
Christmas Day - Worship Service - 11:00 am

Heritage Baptist Church - 348-1411
Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 pm
Christmas Day Worship Service - 10:30 am
New Year's Day Worship Service - 10:30 am

Grayling Free Methodist - 348-9093
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 6:00 pm
Christmas Day Worship Service - 10:30 am

Grayling Assembly of God - 348-6666
Christmas Morning Service - 10:30 am

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church - 348-5921
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:30 pm

Resurrection Life Fellowship of Northern Michigan - 821-6722
Christmas Eve Service - 6:30 pm
Christmas Day Service - 10:30 & 11:30 am

St. John Lutheran - 348-5224
Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 pm

St. Francis Episcopal - 348-5850
Christmas Eve Mass - 6:00 pm
Christmas Day Mass - 10:30 am

Lovells Community Chapel - 348-2701
Christmas Eve Family Service - 7:30 pm
Christmas Day Morning Service - 11:00 am

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Johnathan Rand Day celebrated



Photo courtesy of Karen Coe

The staff and students at the Grayling Elementary School celebrated "Johnathan Rand Day" on Monday in honor of former student Christopher Wright. Wright, a 2005 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee for Crawford AuSable Schools, graduated from Grayling High School in 1982. He is the author of the well known Michigan and American Chillers book series. Wright has written more than 30 children's books under the pen name of Johnathan Rand. His visit to Grayling Elementary marked the release of his latest book: "AuSable Alligators," which takes place in Grayling. In anticipation of Wright's visit, students have checked out and have been reading his books from the school's media center collection. The media center is also running a poster contest in conjunction with Wright's visit. Students who draw a poster will have their name entered into a drawing for a chance to win an autographed copy of a Chillers book. Proceeds from the school's fall book fair are being used to pay for Wright's visit and to purchase the books being given away.

Tree returns to AuSable Primary for Christmas



Connor Brill and Nicholas Hunter display ornaments which students made to place on the AuSable Primary Christmas tree.

Fifteen years ago, Michelle Belcher, the daughter of Gail and Pete Belcher, was a kindergarten student at the Grayling Elementary School.

On Earth Day, Belcher and the rest of her fellow students received a blue spruce seedling to take home and plant. She planted the tree by a home owned by her grandmother, Virginia Belcher, and it grew.

In December 2005, Sara Belcher and her husband, Steve, Michelle's uncle, decided that the little tree had grown too big and was crowding Virginia's house. It had to come down. The family decided that it should go back to where it started at the school. The Belchers donated the tree to the AuSable Primary School for all of the students to enjoy for the holidays. They cut down the tree and even delivered it.

"It smells like Christmas around here, now, and it's the tallest tree we've ever had," said Barb Mick, the AuSable Primary School principal. "It has put everyone in the Christmas spirit, too."

The students and staff at the school made garland and ornaments to decorate the tree, which is standing at the entryway of the school.

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Powrie receives annual Ralph Sperry Memorial Award

Once a year, The C.O.O.R. Board of Education and R.O.O.C., Inc. presents the Ralph Sperry Memorial Award. Sperry was a community leader who gave many years of dedicated service to assist people with disabilities and their families. He was one of the four community members who started R.O.O.C., Inc., a non-profit community rehabilitation program providing employment and training services to adults with disabilities. He spent many years supporting the program to be successful and educating the community about the

resources people with disabilities bring to our community. The annual Ralph Sperry Memorial Award is given to an individual or group in recognition of their contributions to assist people with disabilities to overcome barriers and to participate fully in their communities. This year's recipient is Sylvia Powrie.

Powrie has been teaching at R.O.O.C. for nine years. She began as a teacher in the Adult Basic Education program and now works as a teacher in R.O.O.C.'s Adult Enrichment program. Her enthusiasm for

teaching has helped to make this one of the most requested services that R.O.O.C. offers. Her creative teaching techniques help people to acquire literacy skills needed to work and live independently in the community. Powrie is also one of R.O.O.C.'s most dedicated volunteers. She spends time chaperoning community events like plays and picnics. She also helps to coordinate and assist at special events in the building.

Powrie is also a volunteer for Special Olympics, and spends time helping raise funds for Hospice and the Literacy

Council. "She can be counted on to help people individually in whatever capacity is needed," said Robert Carpenter, President of the COOR Board of Education. "She is well respected by the students and always goes the extra mile to help others achieve success. Her efforts, both on and off the job, have made substantial differences in the quality of life for people with disabilities in our service area. We are pleased to recognize her as this year's recipient of the Ralph Sperry Memorial Award," said Carpenter.



Sylvia Powrie was presented with the Ralph Sperry Memorial Award for her contributions to assist people with disabilities. Pictured above is (left to right) Clarice Sperry, wife of the late Ralph Sperry, Sylvia Powrie (middle) receiving the award from Robert Carpenter, President of the COOR Board of Education.

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Tri-M Music Honor Society induction at GHS

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is the international music honor society for high school students. It is designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other students to excel at music and leadership.

Through more than 4,500 chartered chapters, Tri-M has helped thousands of young people provide years of service through music in schools

throughout the world. There are only three active chapters in Michigan, one of which was started in March, 2005, at Grayling High School.

Tri-M shares and supports the objectives of every dedicated music educator to increase student and school involvement with music and to make a stronger and more unified school music program. It offers a complete system of rewards that help inspire students and recognize excellence in individuals and chapters. With this sys-

tem, the society builds self-esteem and provides a channel of personal fulfillment.

Tri-M is a program of The National Association for Music Education (MENC), the largest non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of music education. Through its many programs, activities, publications, and conferences, MENC addresses all aspects of music education and works to ensure that every student can be a part of a balanced, comprehensive, and high quality program of

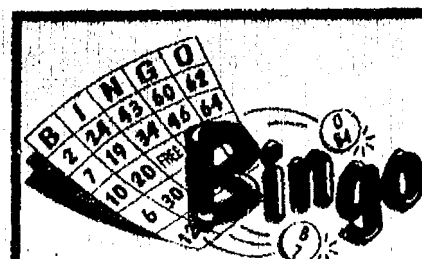
music instruction.

Tri-M was founded in 1936 by Alexander and Frances Harley, incorporated and renamed Modern Music Masters in 1952, and in 1983 recognized as the Tri-M Music Honor Society, a program of MENC.

Students are selected by high achievement in the following areas: music participation (participation in music class), grades/scholarship (maintain a "B" average or above), leadership (in other activities), service

(to the school and community), character (demonstrate respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship).

For further information about the Tri-M Music Honor Society, visit the school band website www.casdk12.net/band/graylingband.htm or the sponsors of Tri-M, the National Association for Musical Education www.menc.org/information/tri-m/main_trim.html.



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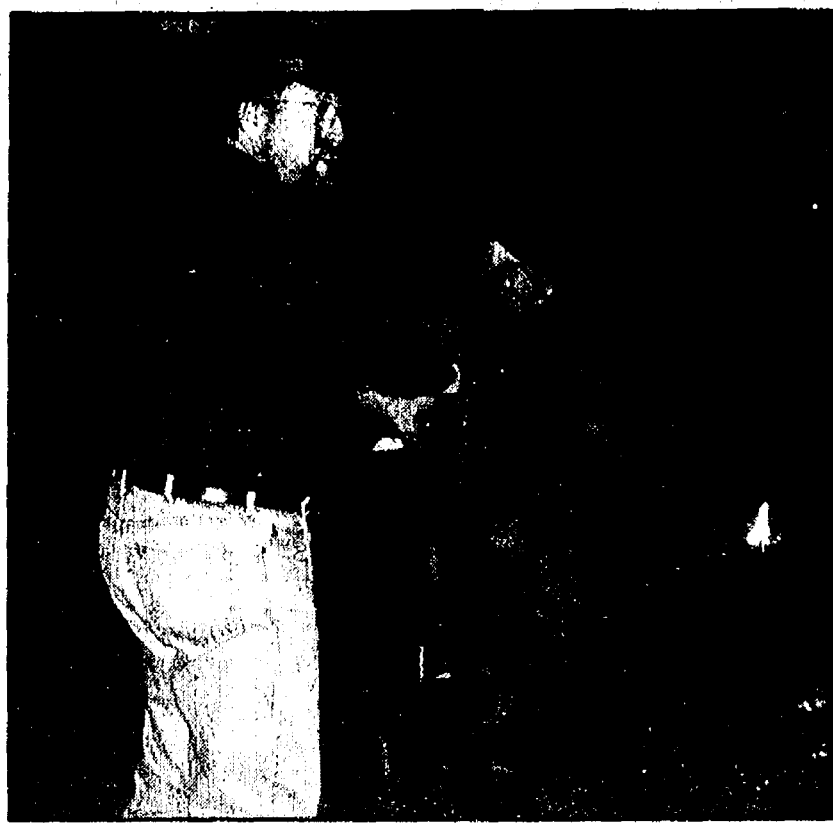
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FARM BY LANTERN LIGHT



Photos by Dan Sanderson

Volunteers at the Wellington Farm Park held their Farm by Lantern Light program last weekend. The volunteers acted out a play, depicting the dilemma about how the Wellington community's church organ was damaged by vandals. The community members then came together to fix the organ in time for the annual Christmas program. Above left, Brian Chace and Ron Rakoz work on the organ parts in the blacksmith shop. Above right, Sue Sharp serves cookies to guests at the farm park.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of Dec. 11 - Dec. 18:

Two private property accidents, nine traffic warnings, four motorist assists, one assist other department, five disturbing the peace complaints, four larceny complaints, five civil complaints, three alarm complaints, one domestic assault complaint, one attempt to locate, three city ordinance violations, one misdemeanor arrest and five unclassified complaints.

HOMETOWNNEWS

Danell and Tim Butzin, of Ishpeming, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Danell Butzin, born on Dec. 9, 2005, weighing 9 lbs., 10 ozs. and measuring 21 inches in length.

Grandparents are Sherry Ocrott of Sault Ste. Marie, Dan Canfield and the late Beth Davis of Grayling, and Robert and Michelle Butzin of Grayling.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of Michael Olson, we would like to thank all of the friends, classmates, school employees, and family members for the calls, cards, gifts and prayers during his recent stay at Munson Medical Center. We would like to thank Mercy Hospital ER staff and Munson Medical Center ICU and Pediatric staff members for taking such wonderful care of Michael. He continues to get stronger each day and we look forward to his complete recovery.

Paul Olson and Kathryn Olson

Santa visits Frederic



Santa visited many children in Frederic on Saturday. Above he is holding little eight day old Aiden Michael Parker of Frederic.

On Saturday Santa Claus paraded through Frederic on the Frederic fire engine. He made stops at local businesses to visit with all the boys and girls to find out what they wanted for Christmas and handed out candy canes and toys.

Later in the afternoon Santa made a stop at the Frederic Library and surprised more local kids and adults making Christmas crafts.

While visiting Santa even took a snowmobile ride around Frederic. After about a four hour stop in Frederic Santa climbed aboard the fire engine and was quickly whisked off to the North Pole to get ready for his big night.

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Troops return home for Christmas

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Janice Libstorff, a supply sergeant for the 507th Engineer Battalion, and her husband, Gary Libstorff, told Sydney that she would try to be home before Christmas, but kept it a surprise that she was coming home Friday.

Janice said she learned to appreciate things she takes for granted, such as simply walking out of her home and getting into her car, while serving in war torn Iraq.

"It's a true blessing to be back," Janice said. "You never know the impact your family has on you until you can't reach out and hug them."

Gary Libstorff said he and Sydney coped with the absence of his wife by keeping involved in plenty of activities. A nurse at the cancer treatment department at Osego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, Libstorff said his patients, neighbors and friends were very supportive while his wife was deployed.

"I'm just glad that they're all coming home safe," he said. "You never know what to expect with the things that are going on over there."

Janice's parents, Phyllis and James Weatherly, who live south of Jackson, saved their vacations and gas money over the last year so they could be with Sydney.

"She didn't understand why her mother could not be here, so we tried to be supportive and do whatever we could," James Weatherly said.

Joe, Jeff and Jon Bancroft looked forward to having their father and role model, Sgt. 1st Class Albert Rockhold of Frederic, return home so he could be at their sporting events.

"He's there for us all of time," Jon Bancroft said. "It's not right not having him there."

Rockhold's daughter, Arica Rockhold, said the home will have an added spirit for the holidays now that her father has returned.

"He's my hero and I felt

empty without him," she said.

Rockhold said he looked forward to being able to give back to friends and family.

"They've been supportive of everything that we've been through and I can't say enough about them," Rockhold said.

The C-130 airplane whisked up the snow as it landed at the Grayling Army Airfield. Friends and family had to wait a few extra anxious moments to see their loved ones while the troops baggage was unloaded from the plane.

Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Witherspoon, who lives near Grand Rapids, wore a Santa hat off the plane since it is a Christmas tradition to wear the hat with his family.

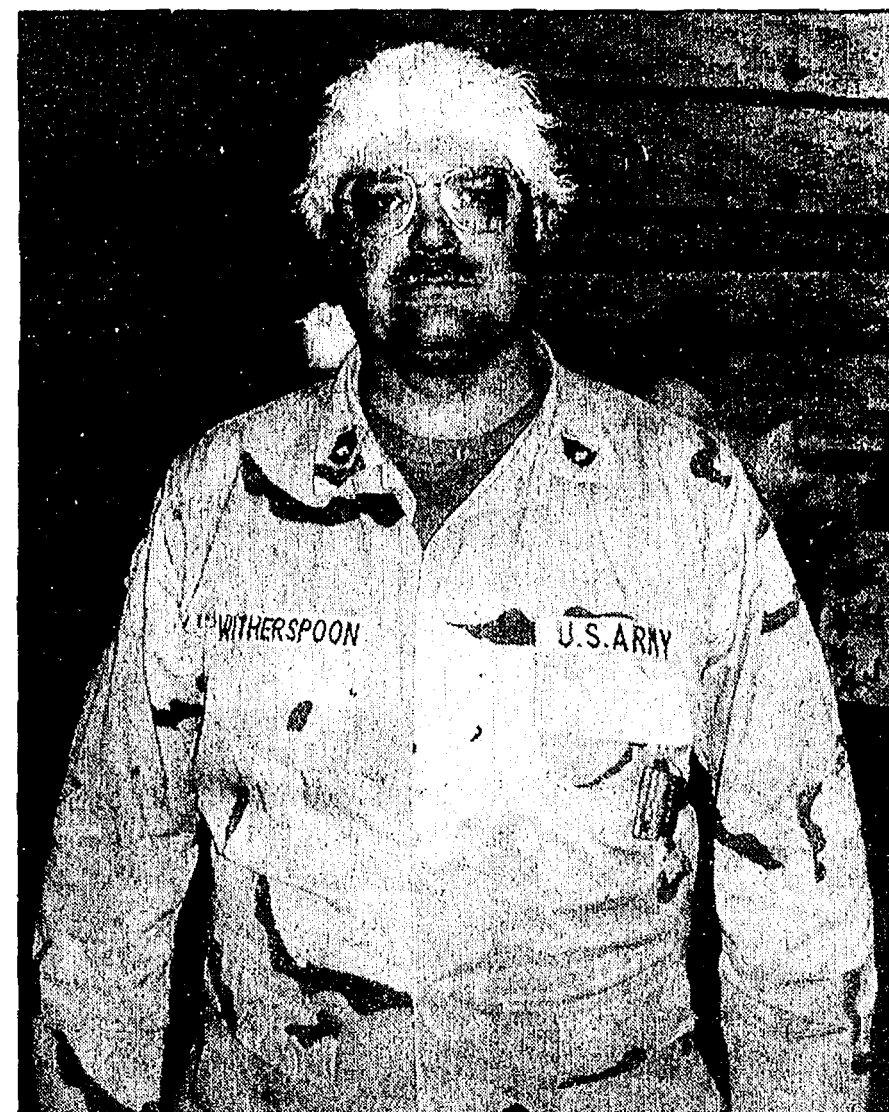
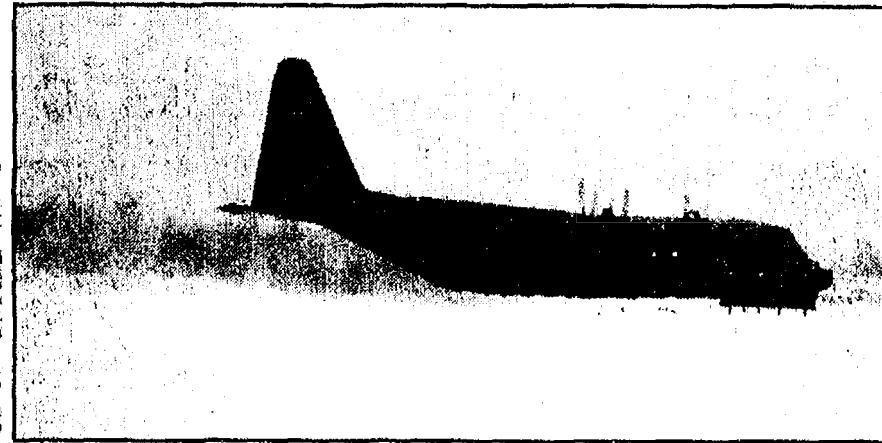
"It's Christmas time, so I wanted to wear it off the plane," Witherspoon said. "The people we brought over there, we brought them all home safe and I'm really happy about that."

Mst. Sgt. Tim Lamphere Kingsley, who was injured in a

mortar attack in June, was awarded the Purple Heart at the homecoming ceremony for the 507th Engineer Battalion.

The 32 engineers of Company B, 107th Engineer Battalion, co-located in Ironwood and Iron River, returned to Iron River on Friday. The 40 members of the Ishpeming-based 107th Engineer Battalion, also returned on Friday after serving in Iraq.

Today, approximately 1,900 Michigan National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are deployed across the globe, at locations such as Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Bosnia. Since Sept., 11, 2001, 65 percent of the Michigan Guard has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; however, as Michigan troops serve the nation, more than 80 percent of the Michigan Guard remains available and ready to respond to a state emergency including a terrorist event.



The Michigan Air National Guard C-130 airplane whisked up the snow as it landed at the Grayling Army Airfield as family and friends cheered. Above right, members 507th Engineer Battalion carried the unit's flag as they departed the plane. Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Witherspoon, who lives near Grand Rapids, wore a Santa hat off the plane and at the homecoming ceremony for the troops.

Fence erected to deter rail crossing

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

As the snow starts to pile up in the Grayling area, AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) officials are urging snowmobile operators to stay on the trails and off railroad tracks.

Volunteers placed a 1,100 foot long snow fence near the end of North Down River Road in hopes of preventing snowmobilers from going across the railroad tracks.

A rash of problems with people crossing tracks instead of using designated snowmobile crossings occurred last winter, creating the potential that sleds could no longer travel along the railway. Snow, which is packed down on the ice, creates the potential for a train derailment. In addition, carbides on the skis of the sleds can damage the rails.

"If this doesn't stop, there is a good chance we're going to loose that section of the trail," said Rich Filley, president of the AVSA.

Lake States Railway and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) have allowed sleds to travel along the railway, going from the Holiday

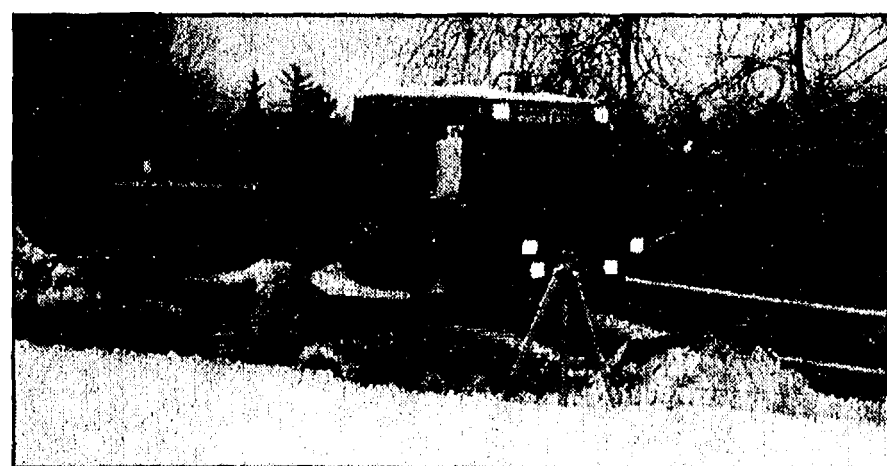


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The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, which operates the trail groomer, is urging sled operators to stay off railroad tracks and to use designated snowmobile crossings.

Inn up to the north end of the Grayling Army Airfield, where the designated snowmobile crossing is located.

The snowmobile association spent five years and \$11,000 establishing a designated rail crossing at Pollack Bridge Road for snowmobile traffic.

The snowmobile association spent \$2,500 on the fencing in hopes of discouraging people from crossing the tracks. The expense comes on the heels of cost cutting measures such as deciding not to mail snowmobile

association's newsletters in order to save dollars to buy fuel to run the trail groomer.

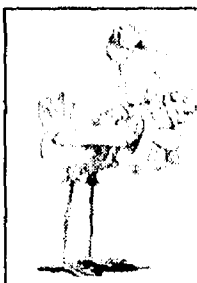
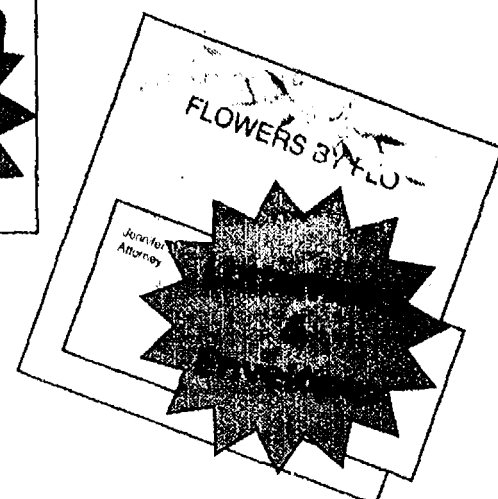
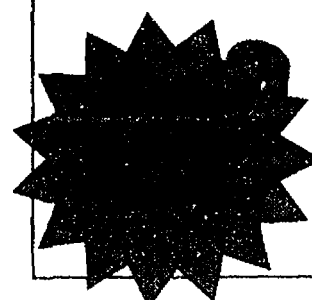
"If they want the trails, they're going to have to play by the rules here," Filley said.

Vicky Chmura, property administrator for Lake States Railway who is also a snowmobile enthusiast, said she hopes the railroad, MDOT and the snowmobile association can proceed in the spirit of cooperation.

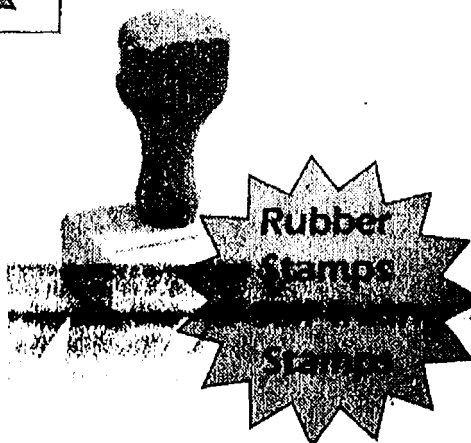
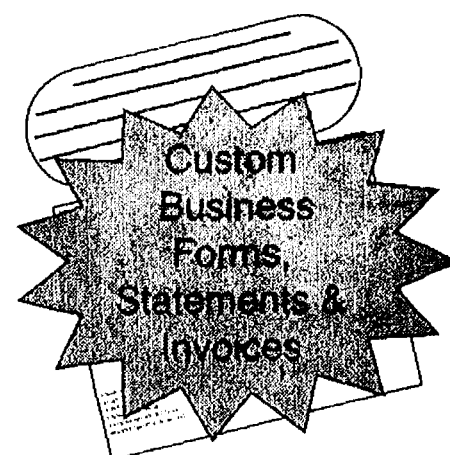
"It makes good sense to be careful and cautious out there," Chmura said.

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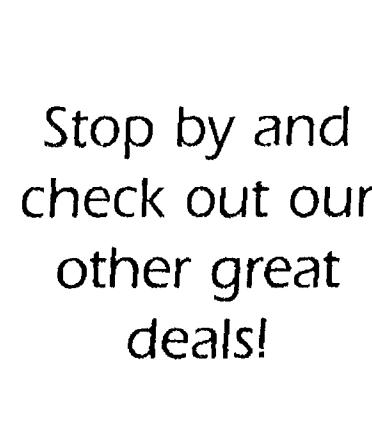
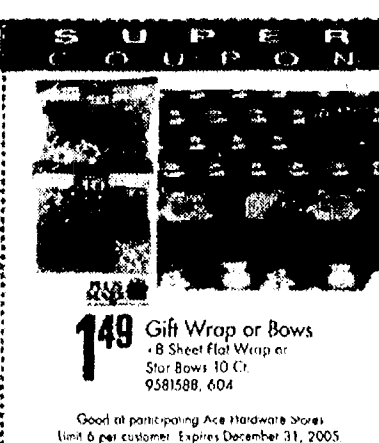
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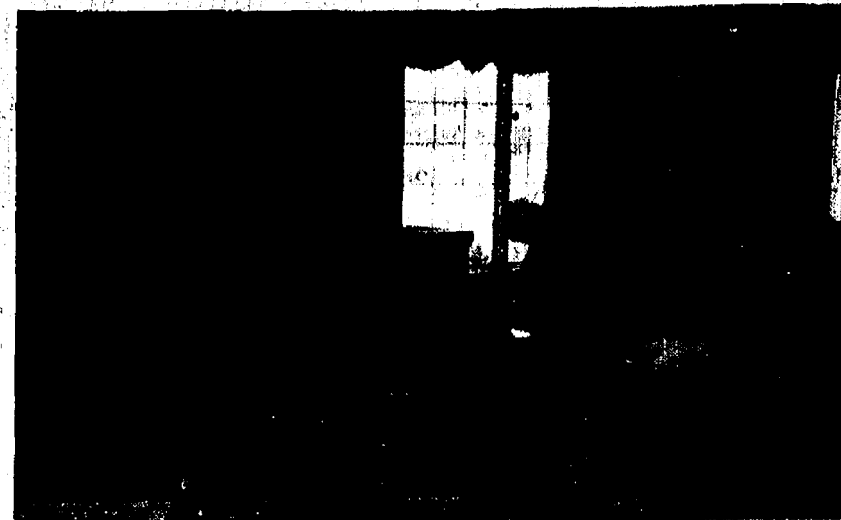
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ROTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



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The Grayling Rotary Club held their annual Christmas program last week, where children of the Rotary members as well as students from area schools came to enjoy lunch and receive gifts. The service learning students from the Grayling High School helped purchase and wrap gifts as one of their community projects.

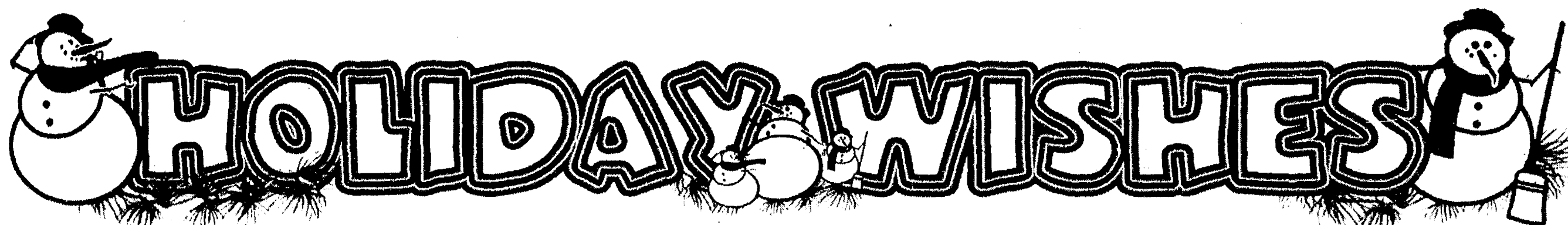
Housing rehabilitation grant awarded

Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) on Friday announced that \$179,566 in Rural Development Housing Preservation grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be funded for the rehabilitation of 60 homes in seven northern Michigan counties.

Crawford County will receive a \$29,928 grant to rehabilitate nine

single family homes in the county.

"This funding is vital to improving the quality of life in our rural northern Michigan communities," Stupak said. "Many lower-income homes are in disrepair and require extensive rehabilitation and these Housing Preservation grants can help accomplish this."



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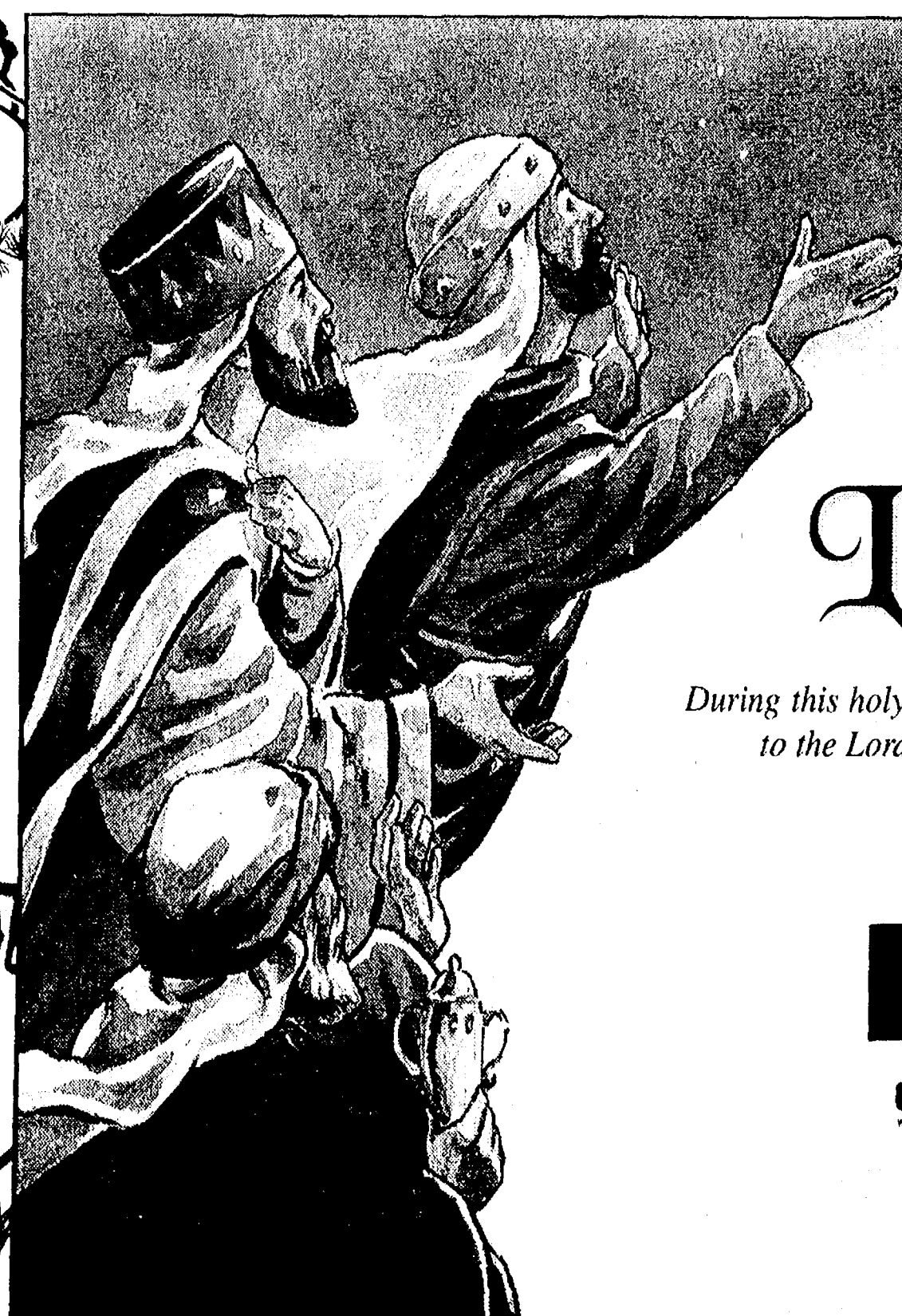
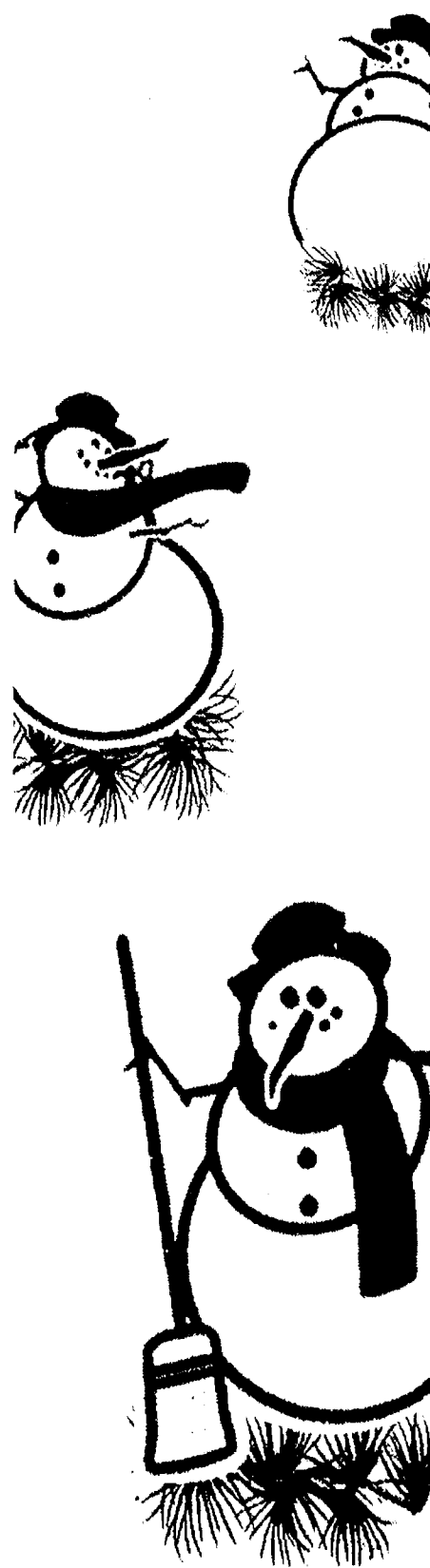
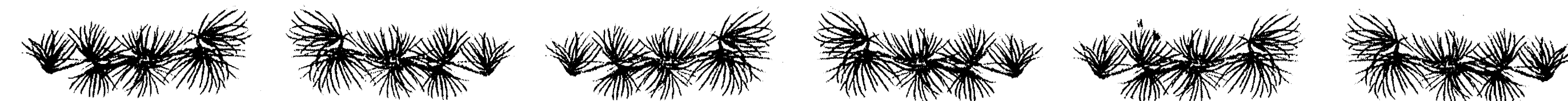
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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

ROSCOMMON - Firebirds Tony Brown and Sal Kabara and Lady Firebirds Chelsey Williams and Nadia Blake were named to their respective men's and women's all-tournament teams at the culmination of the Great North Tournament, which was hosted by Kirtland over the Dec. 16-17 weekend.

The tournament brought three women's and four men's teams together for non-stop basketball action at the CRAF Center in Roscommon with the Firebirds men's team going 1-1 over the weekend, and the Lady Firebirds sustaining two losses in one tiring day.

Brown is a 6'1" Kirtland freshman from Battle Creek. He led the Firebirds in scoring during the tournament, dropping in 26 points in Kirtland's 94-86 first-round loss to Lakeland CC (Kirtland, Ohio), then netting 32 points in the Firebirds' 120-98 win over Lewis College of Business (Detroit) in the consolation game on Saturday.

Kabara, a 6'6" freshman from the Central African Republic, often leads the Firebirds in scoring and rebounds. He dropped in 30 points in KCC's consolation win.

For the women, Williams, 6'1", from Houghton Lake, and Blake, 5'7", from Toronto, both freshmen, were essential to the Lady Firebirds' defensive success, with Williams pulling down 18 rebounds in their game against Lakeland's women's team, and Blake nabbing 3 steals against Genesee CC (Batavia, N.Y.).

Women's Team

When Sinclair Community College of Dayton, Ohio, backed out of the tournament due to the weather, the second Great North Tournament was left with only three women's teams - Kirtland, Lakeland, and Genesee. Kirtland coach Teresa Stuck rose to the challenge, however, volunteering her team to play in both the consolation and championship rounds on the second day of the tournament in order to make it a contest.

The one women's game to be played on Friday saw Lakeland (7-3 overall pre-tournament) take a spirited 61-60 defeat at the hands of No. 2-in-the-nation Genesee (8-0).

On Saturday, Kirtland (6-4 pre-tournament) took a 79-71 loss to Lakeland at 2 p.m. in the consolation round, then gave it their best shot in a 76-58 loss to Genesee at 6 p.m. in the championship.

"To play two collegiate games in one day is unheard of," Stuck said of her situation. "It's hard to play on back-to-back days, let alone with seven players."

But that's exactly how the ball bounced and the Lady Firebirds rose to the challenge.

"Wow - I am so proud of the heart in these girls," said Stuck. "They gave everything they had against two very tough teams this weekend. We competed with some of the best teams in the nation at our level and if we continue to work, improve, and play as hard as we are - we will be there in March."

In their loss to the Lakeland Lakers, the Firebirds' Rena Barnett, a freshman from LeRoy, led her team with 25 points, shooting 10 for 18. She added 8 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals. Williams gathered another double double, the first since her ankle injury, knocking

in 18 points and 18 rebounds.

Blake contributed 10 points and pulled down 5 big boards and 2 steals, while Emily Henion (freshman, Frederic) and Emilee Bruner (sophomore, Mio) combined for 17 points.

With just a couple hours between games, the Lady Firebirds then offered fans their most impressive 20-minutes to date, keeping pace with the Genesee Cougars to go into the half of the championship game riding the Cougars' tails, 31-30.

Keeping up the pace through the second half was more than the Firebirds could manage, however, despite the valiant effort put forth.

"This game was much closer than the score reflected," Stuck noted. "We just ran out of gas after 30 minutes. After that point, missed free throws and a few key turnovers due to dead legs really hurt us."

Barnett again led the Firebirds' scoring with 20 points on 7-10 shooting to go with 4 assists. Blake added 11 points and 3 steals. Onica Jones (freshman, Rochester, N.Y.) took 5 charges to add to 8 points and 5 rebounds.

With her team now at 6-6 after a super-tough pre-conference schedule, Stuck is optimistic about the rest of the season and post-season play in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

"This weekend really showed us where we are in the nation," Stuck said. "It was an opportunity to match up against top competition and figure out what we need to work on in the next two months of conference play to be ready for the national tournament. This tournament was a measuring stick for the direction our program is heading and where it fits in the nation."

Freshman point guard Rena Barnett put out nearly 40 minutes of nonstop basketball for the Kirtland Lady Firebirds and dropped in a team-high 18 points to lead her team to a 75-65 victory over the Lake Michigan College Indians on Saturday, Dec. 10. This was the Firebirds' fourth straight win of the season, played before a home crowd at the CRAF Center.

Barnett was by no means a one-woman show, however.

"This was another team victory," said Firebirds head coach Teresa Stuck, who is in her second season with the Firebirds and is happy with the improvements her team is making in pre-conference play this year.

They now have a 6-4 record, despite being short-handed for one reason or another most of the season.

"Due to only having six and one-half players this game, we really had to adjust not only our game plan tonight, but our style of play," Stuck said after Saturday's game. "The team responded tremendously well, however. We successfully played two defenses we had never practiced and the girls made it work. This preseason has really helped the depth of our team."

It's also helped their conditioning as none of them get much bench time.

Barnett, who is from LeRoy, and Emily Henion, of Frederic, the other freshman point guard, both played well against the Indians.

"They not only took care of the ball and led us in scoring

and assists, but chased around LMC's deadly shooters all night," Stuck noted. "They played nearly 40 minutes at both ends and never showed it."

Barnett also contributed 5 rebounds and 5 assists. Henion scored 13 points while dishing out 8 assists, grabbing 8 rebounds, and snatching 4 steals.

Natalie Foster, a freshman from Houghton Lake, hit three big 3-point shots in a row for the Firebirds to finish with 12 points. Freshman Onica Jones (Rochester, N.Y.) added 11 points and 3 boards, while Meghan Bastian (sophomore, Hale), Emily Bruner (sophomore, Mio) and Chelsey Williams (freshman, Houghton Lake) rounded out the scoring with 9, 8 and 3 points, respectively.

"Our team is really growing up fast," Stuck added. "When they cut the lead to 6 points after being up by 20, they remained calm like a veteran team and pulled back away. We have also improved remarkably in taking care of the ball. We had a season low of 15 turnovers tonight - less than half the number than when we started the season."

Coach Stuck actually left the court with a smile after the Lady Firebirds' 62-49 win over Albion College on Thursday, Dec. 8, which saw one of her few sophomores, Meghan Bastian, drop in a team-high 25 points.

"Meghan Bastian sparked us offensively," said coach Stuck. "She had 14 points in the first five minutes of the game, and added 5 rebounds by the end of the night."

But offense doesn't win a game and Stuck has been working hard on the Firebirds' defensive tactics.

"Our half-court defense was amazing tonight," Stuck was proud to note, highlighted by the fact the Firebirds held Albion to just 4 points during the first 10 minutes of the second half, all the while increasing their lead.

Rena Barnett scored 11 points and contributed 7 boards and 5 assists for the Firebirds. "She really looked for her shot tonight, something we will continue to need her to do," Stuck said.

Onica Jones also stepped up after her best week of practice so far this year, contributing 10 points and 7 boards. Emily Henion once again contributed in many ways without scoring - she tallied 9 assists, 6 rebounds and 3 steals.

The Firebirds out-rebounded a bigger team by 17 boards and had their second consecutive game with a positive team assist/turnover ratio.

"Our team is really starting to come together and gel," Stuck said. "It has been fun to watch a new person blossom each game. We are going to be a hard team to prepare to play because we have so many different weapons."

Men's Team

Winners in first-round men's basketball action in the Great North Tournament on Friday were Kellogg CC (91-76 over Lewis College of Business) and Lakeland (94-88 vs. Kirtland).

Three Firebirds were in double digits against the Lakers - Brown with 26 points, Juandrell Lewis (sophomore, Detroit) with 20, and Dave Allison

(sophomore, Lapeer) with 16.

The loss pushed the Firebirds into the consolation round on Saturday against Lewis College in which they took an early and significant lead and never looked back. Brown dropped in the 32 points for the Firebirds in the contest, followed by Kabara with 30, Allison with 17 and Demarvelous Carter (sophomore, Flint) with 10.

The long weekend ended with the Kellogg Bruins taking the men's tournament championship by defeating Lakeland in the final game of the weekend, 97-95. Kellogg's Cory Broyles, a 5'10" sophomore from Benton Harbor, was named Most Valuable Player in the men's bracket, while his teammate, Jordan Cunningham, as well as Rick Leisure and Greg Wallace from the Lakeland team, joined Kirtland's Brown and Kabara on the All-Tournament Team.

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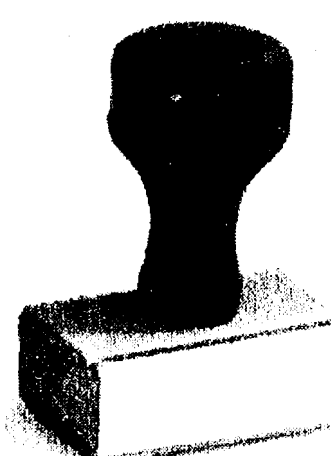
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Seniors \$15.99 • Adults \$16.99 • Children 12 & Under \$1.00 x Age

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Saturday, December 31, 2005 • 5 pm - 10 pm

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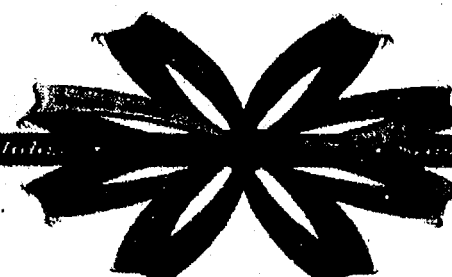
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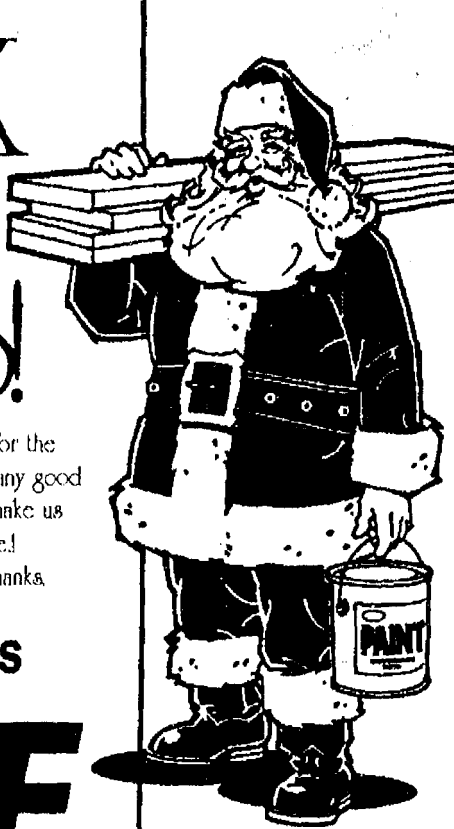
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Wrestling team opens league schedule with two victories

Vikings defeat Kalkaska, Elk Rapids in home meet at GMS

■ **Grayling wins 39-37 vs. Blazers, beats Elks 72-12 on Thursday night**

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS wrestling squad opened its 2005-06 league schedule in the Lake Michigan Conference with victories over the Kalkaska Blazers and Elk Rapids Elks last Thursday at Grayling Middle School.

In the first match of the night, Kalkaska defeated Elk Rapids 60-18.

Grayling then wrestled against the Elks.

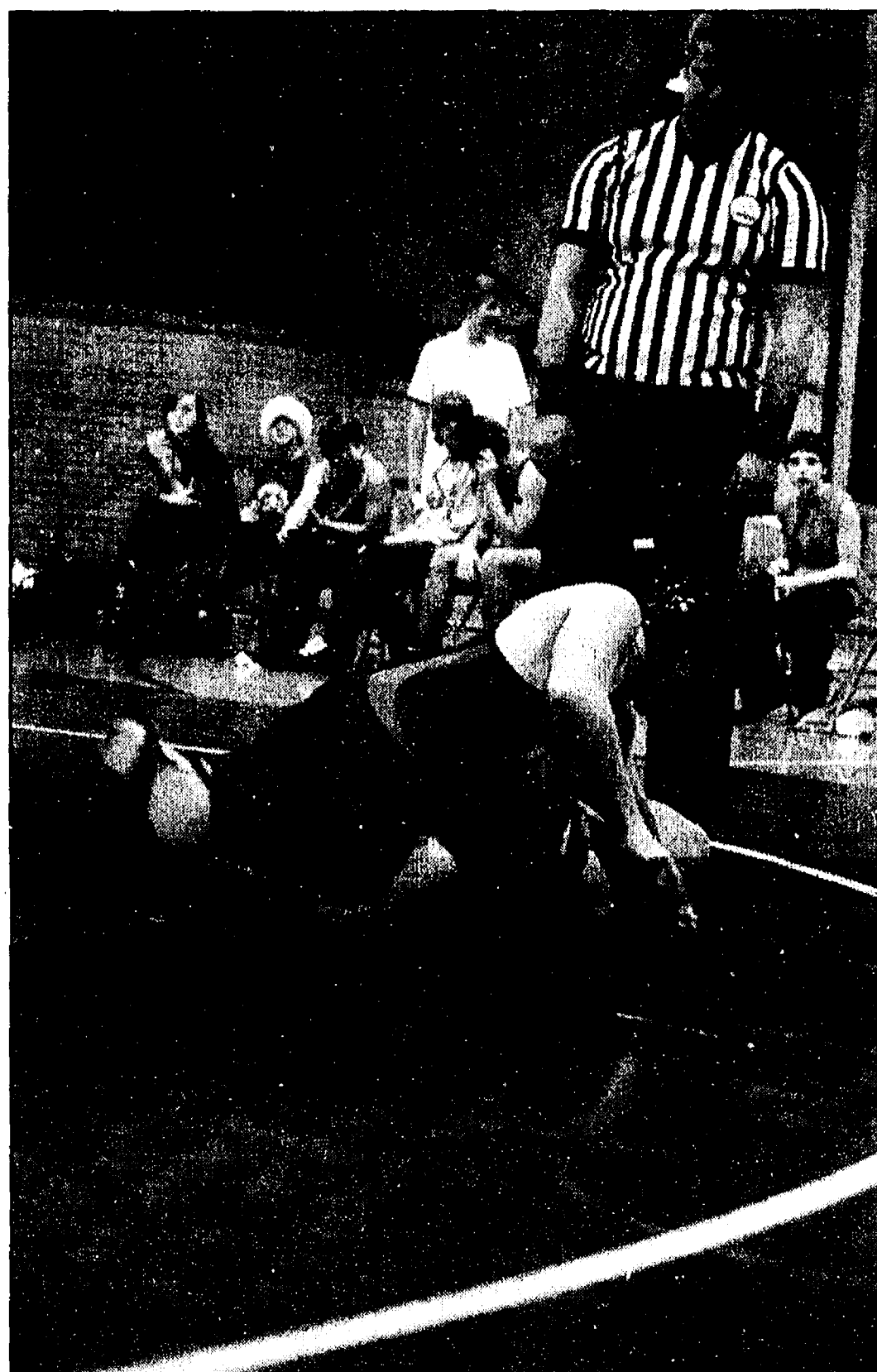
The Vikings forfeited the 112-pound weight class. At 119, Cody Verlinde pinned his Elk Rapids opponent in the first round. Stephen Grove (125) and Shane Grove (135) pinned their opponents in the first round and Eric Gosicki (130) won by forfeit. Matt Haight won the 140-pound division with a pin in the third round.

Cody Malone (145), Corey Metzger (152), and Jeff Bancroft (160) all won their matches vs. Elk Rapids by pin in the first round. Jacob Reynolds (171) pinned his opponent in the second round. James Walker (189), Joey Ferrigan (215), and Bill Stewart (heavyweight) pinned their Elk Rapids counterparts in the first round. The Elks won the last match (103) by pin.

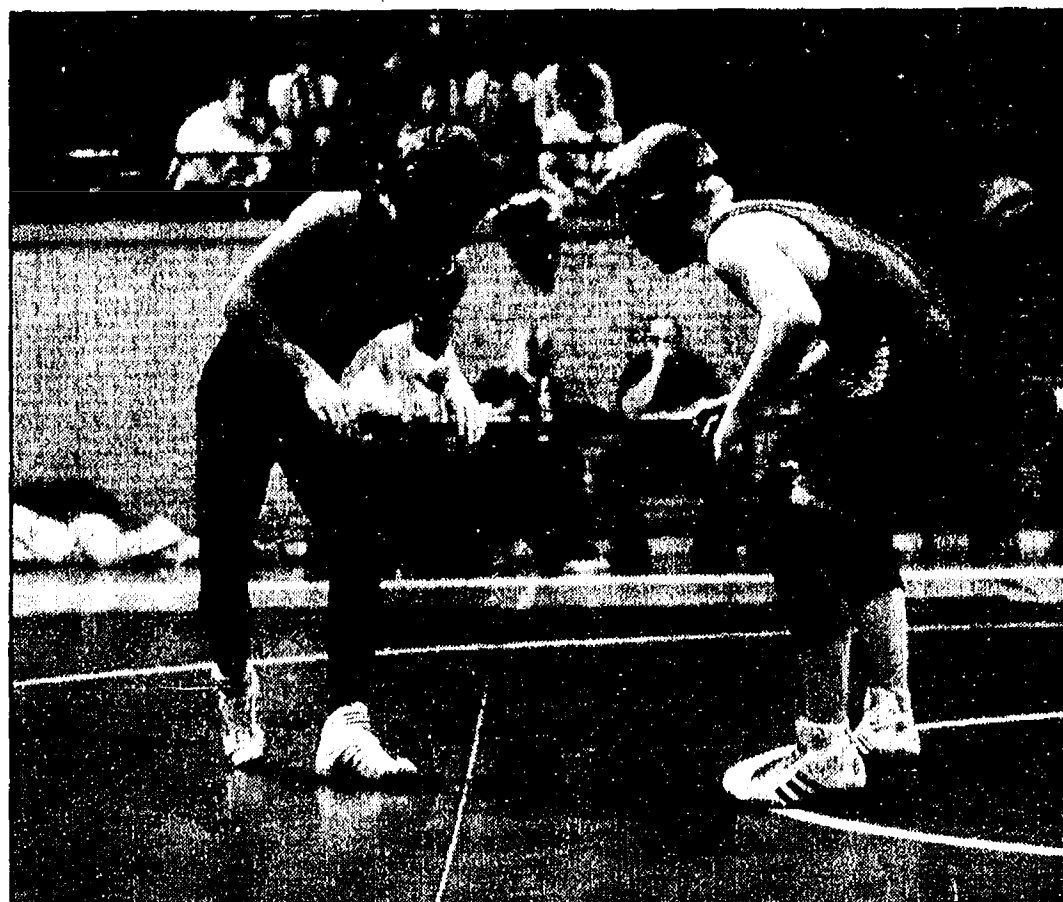
Grayling won the series by a final score of 72-12.

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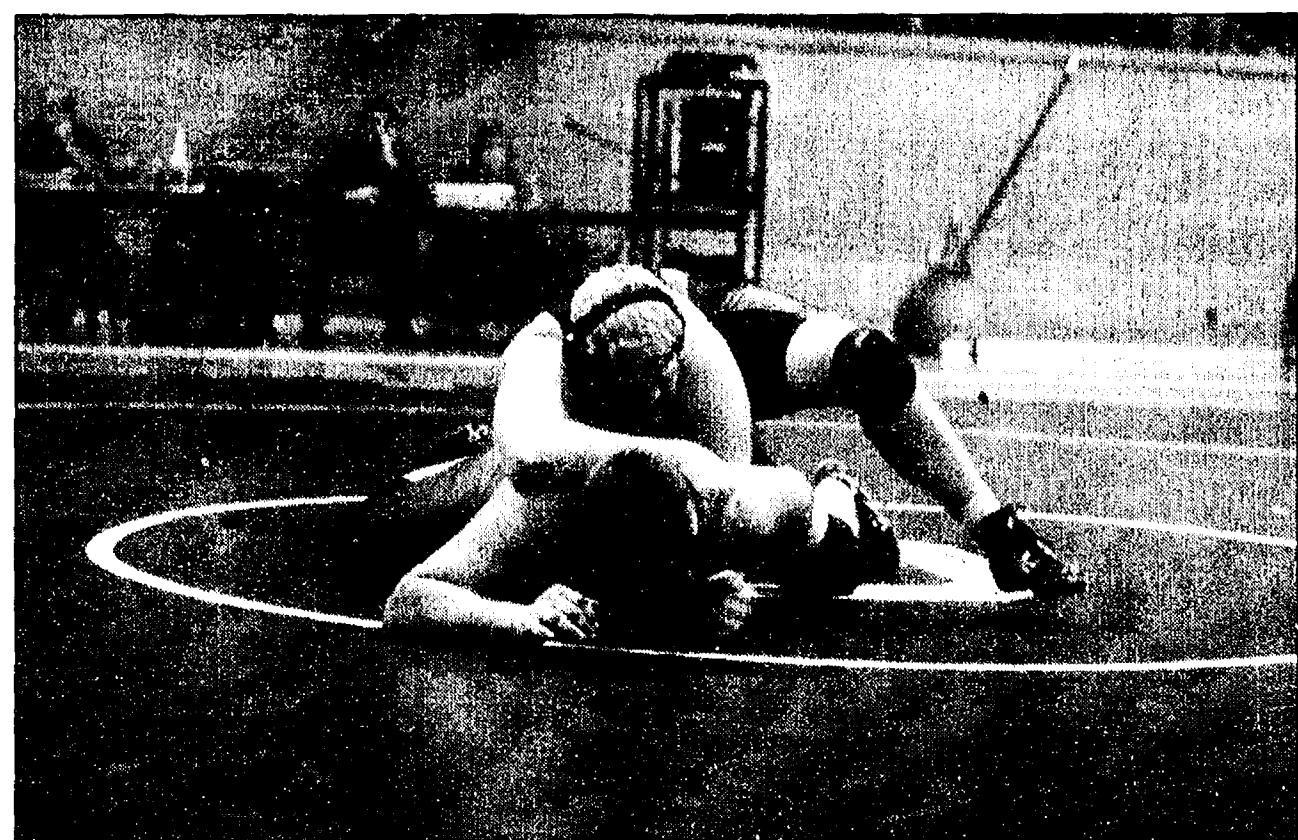
Jacob Reynolds (171) wrestles against Elk Rapids on Thursday night in a meet at Grayling Middle School.



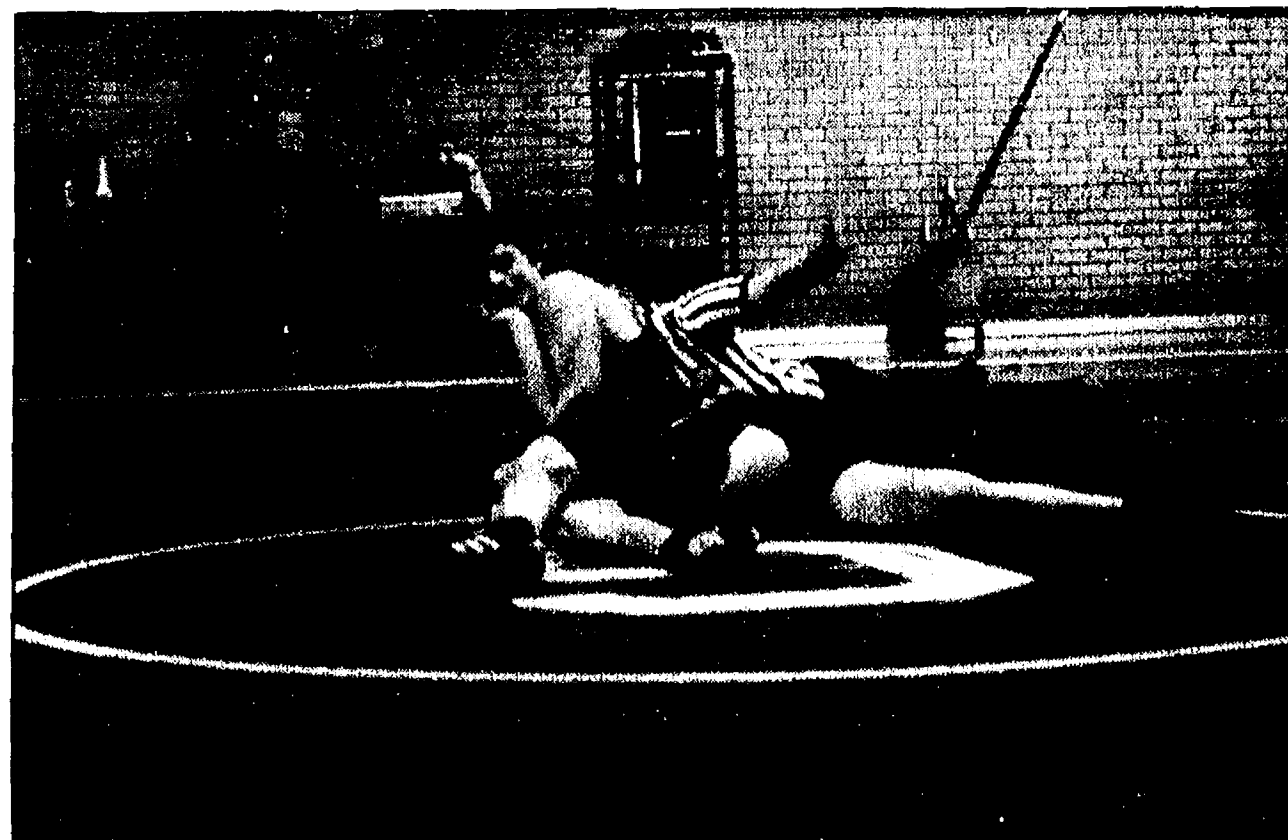
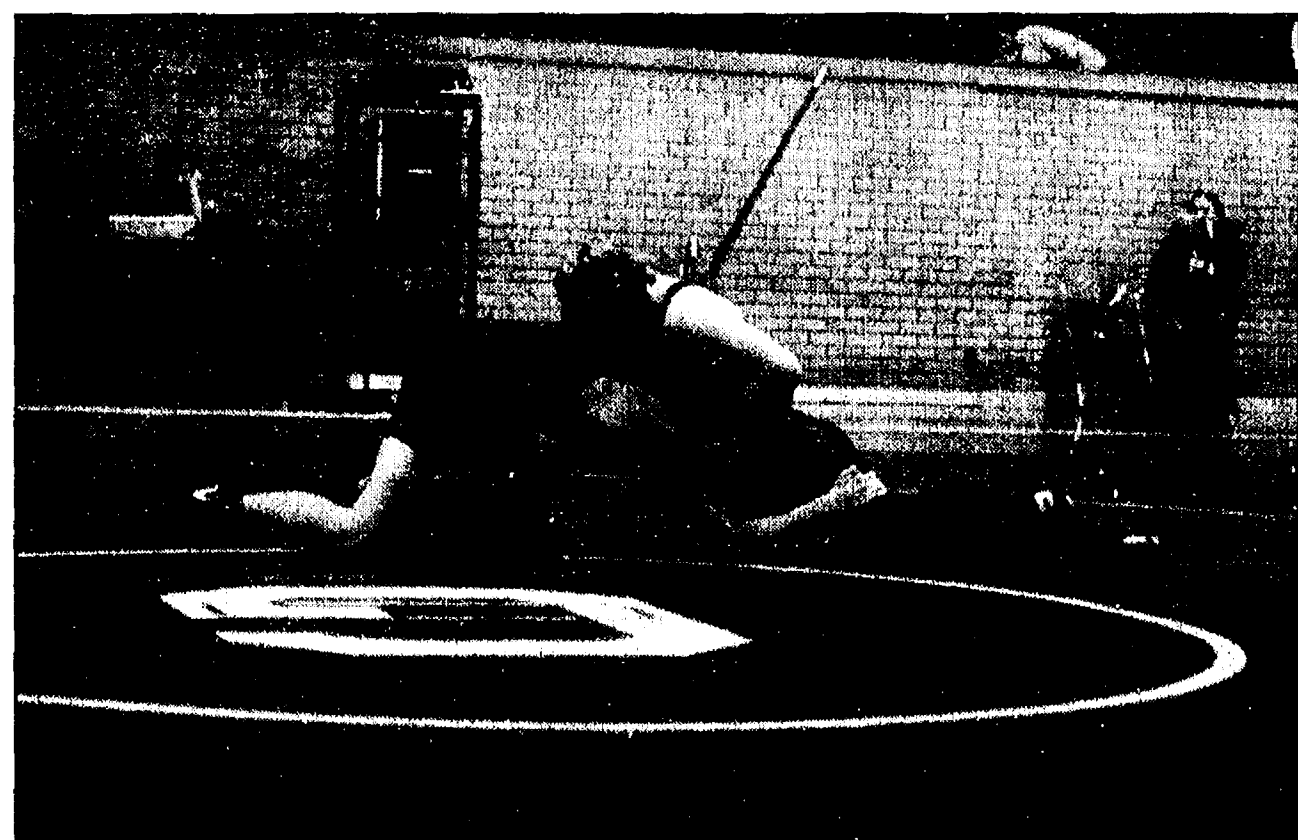
Cody Verlinde (119) faces a Kalkaska opponent on Thursday.



James Walker (189) tries for a pin against Elk Rapids.



(Above left) Bill Stewart wrestles against his Kalkaska counterpart in the heavyweight division on Thursday. (Above right) Joey Ferrigan (215) goes for a pin vs. Elk Rapids. (Below left) Shane Grove (135) competes against Elk Rapids. (Below right) Corey Metzger (152) wrestles an Elk Rapids opponent.



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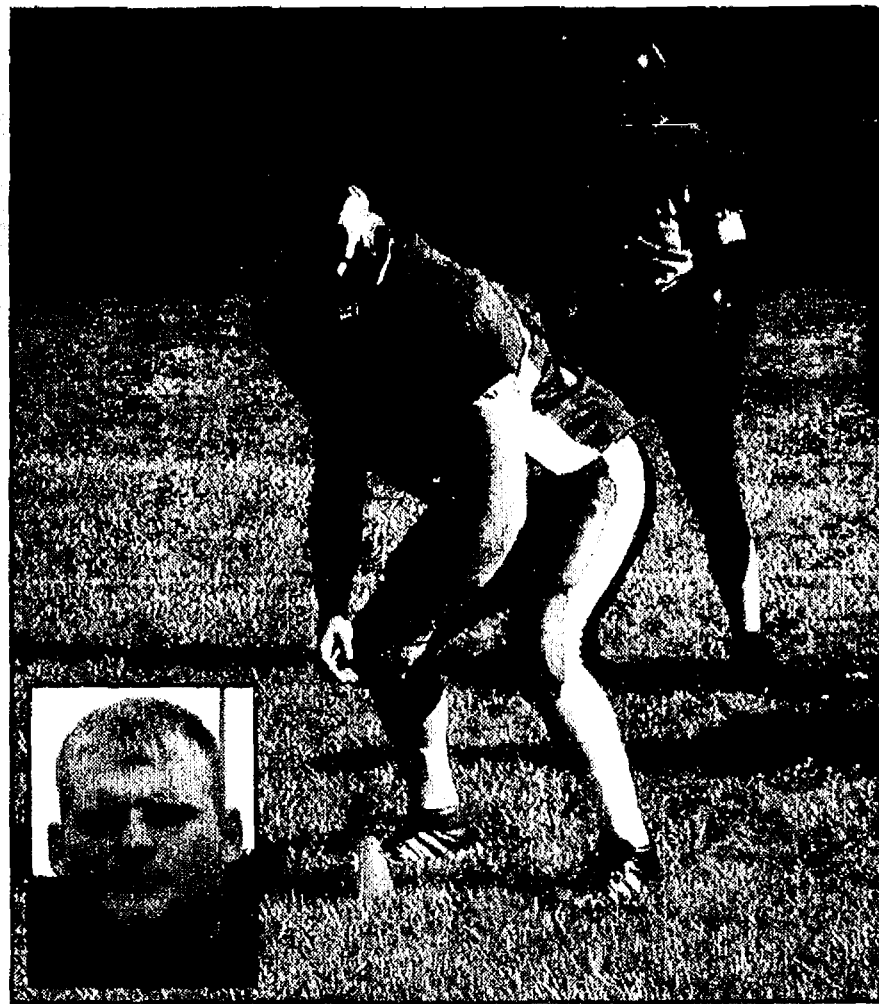
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Zac Baker (All-Conference First Team, Defensive Most Valuable Player, Captain Award)



Matt Larson (All-Conference First Team, Michael Goodrich Award, Captain Award)

Nine Viking players earn all-league honors for football

Brock named Region 2 coach of the year

Grayling players set new records for passing, rushing, and receiving in 2005

The Grayling High School football team recently announced its all-conference selections and other awards for the 2005 season, including a list of nine all-league honorees.

As a team, the Vikings posted a 6-3 regular season record and a 2-1 playoff record this year. The team won a district championship in football for the first time in school history, scored the most points in the program's history with 336, and qualified for the playoffs for a third consecutive season.

Nine Vikings received all-league recognition in the Lake Michigan Conference this year: first team – Eli VanNuck, Joey Bancroft, Jeff Bancroft, Zac Baker, Matt Larson; honorable mention – Zach Dean, Bobby Feutz, Nick Parkinson, Reagan Schmidt.

VanNuck also was an AP all-state honorable mention and a *Detroit Free Press* all-state honorable mention. He was named to the *Bay City Times* Dream Team, the *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Dream Team, and was a Great Eight Awards finalist. Joey Bancroft was also named to the *Traverse City Record-Eagle* All-Region Team

The Vikings handed out team awards in the following five categories:

Offensive Most Valuable Player(s) – VanNuck, Joey Bancroft;

Defensive Most Valuable Player – Baker;

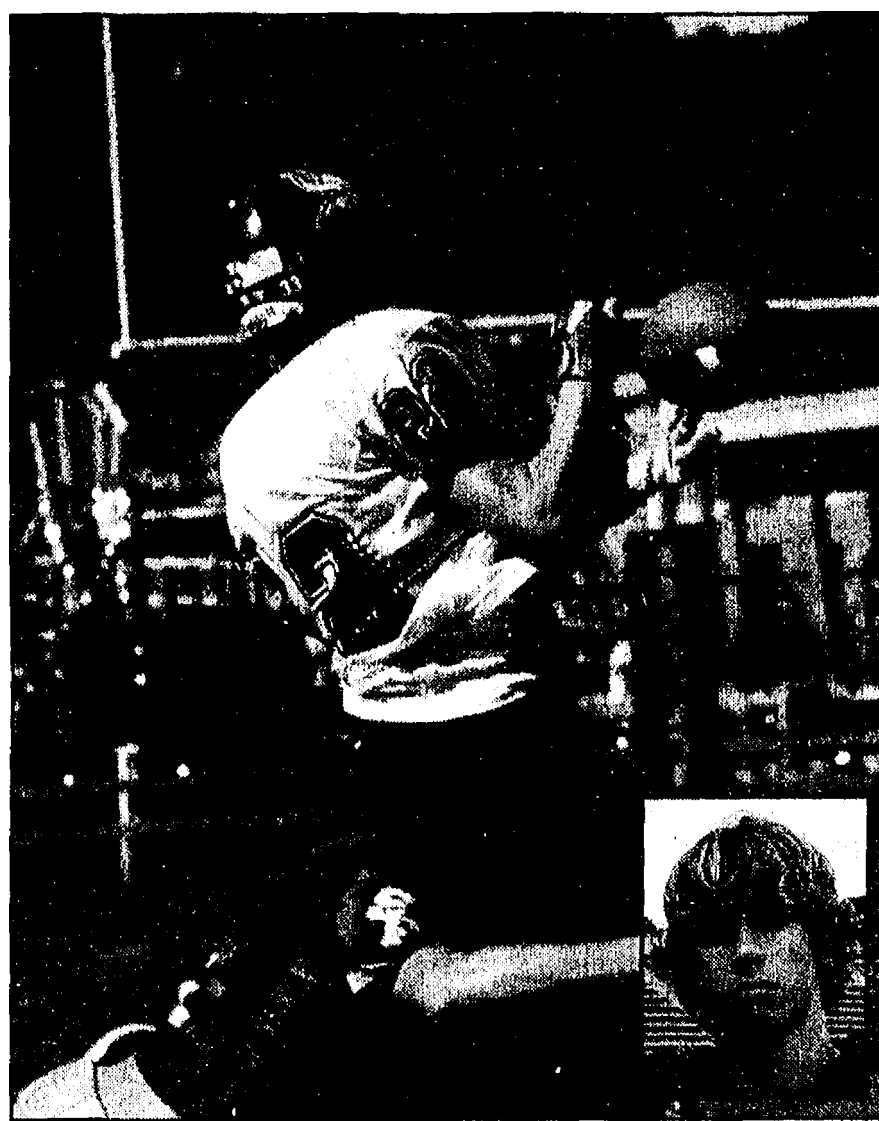
BAHUNA Award – Jeff Bancroft;

Michael Goodrich Award – Matt Larson;

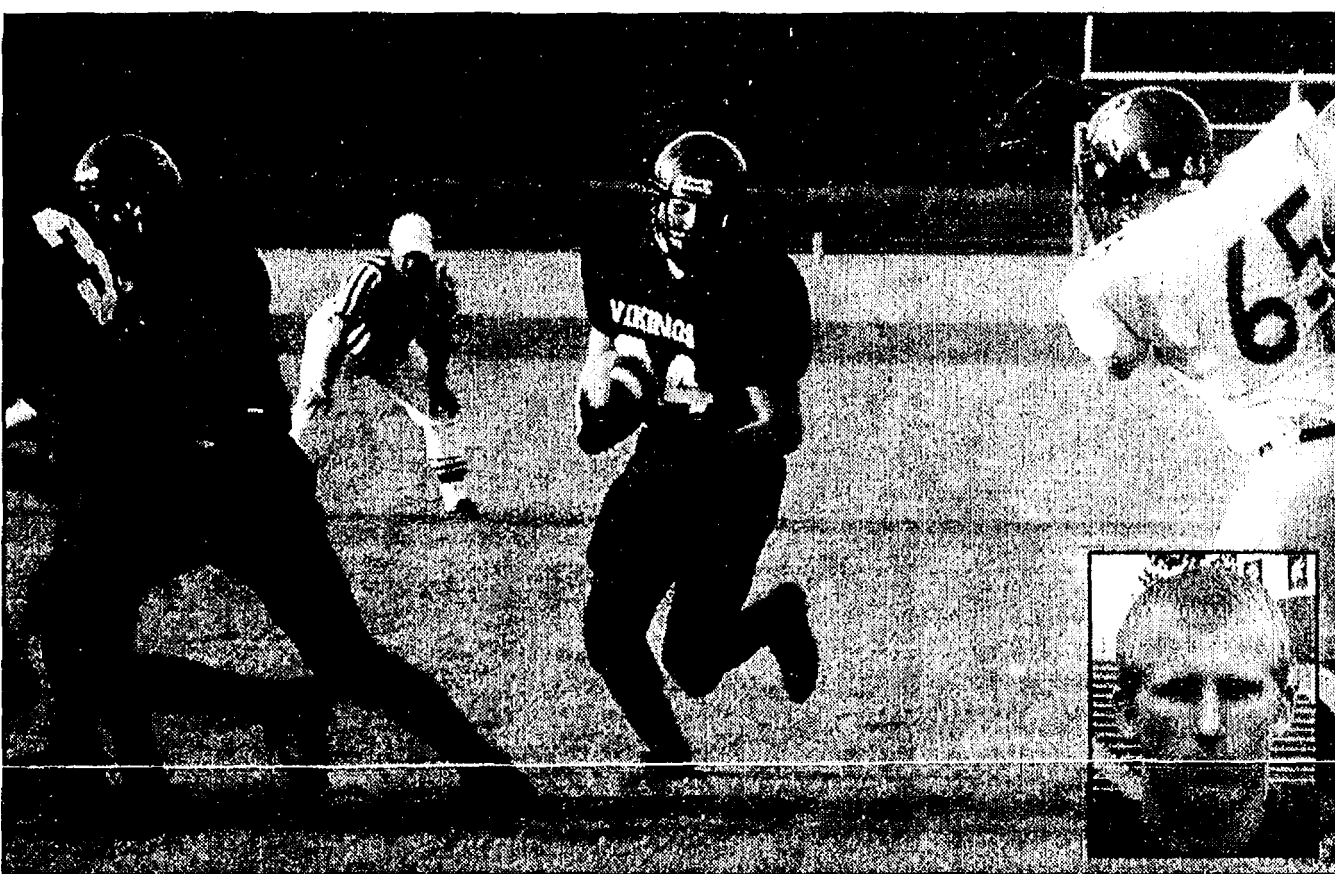
Captain Award – VanNuck, Baker, Larson.

Individually, three Vikings set new school records for passing, receiving, and rushing in 2005. VanNuck broke the school record for receiving yards in a season with 1,185 and receptions in a season with 57. Jeff Bancroft's 1,536 passing yards set a new school record. Joey Bancroft broke the Grayling High School record for both rushing yards (1,557) and rushing touchdowns (21).

The team's head coach – Ben Brock – received coach of the year honors in Region 2, an award voted on by coaches within the region.



Eli VanNuck (AP all-state honorable mention, *Detroit Free Press* all-state honorable mention, *Bay City Times* Dream Team, *Traverse City Record-Eagle* Dream Team, Co-Offensive Most Valuable Player, Captain Award, All-Conference First Team)



Joey Bancroft (All-Conference First Team, *Traverse City Record-Eagle* All-Region Team, Co-Offensive Most Valuable Player)



Jeff Bancroft (All-Conference First Team, BAHUNA Award)

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Kirtland Community College announces its Workforce Development Training Calendar for 2005-2006. These courses are designed to help employees in all types of businesses upgrade their skills, and would-be employees lay a foundation for future employment.

Workforce Development Training Calendar 2005 - 2006

Computer Classes		
Course	Dates	Location
QuickBooks - Level 1	Nov. 22	West Branch
	Jan. 18	Gaylord
QuickBooks - Level 2	Nov. 29	West Branch
	Jan. 19	Gaylord
MS Excel - Levels 1 & 2	May 16	West Branch
	June 13	Gaylord
MS Excel - Levels 3 & 4	May 18	West Branch
	June 15	Gaylord
Downloading Digital Pictures to your Computer	Dec 7	Gaylord

MIOSHA Safety Training		
Course	Dates	Location
Health Issues Relating to Construction	Jan. 18	Gaylord
Health Issues Relating to Health Care	Mar. 15	Gaylord
Industrial Hygiene for the Safety Professional	May 24 & 25	Gaylord

Management and Leadership Classes		
Course	Dates	Location
Leadership Styles	Feb 9	West Branch
	Feb 7	Gaylord
Managing Conflict	April 4	West Branch
	April 6	Gaylord
Building Effective Work Teams	May 2	West Branch
	May 4	Gaylord

Job Skills Training		
Course	Dates	Location
EPA Refrigerant Certification	Feb. 17, 18	West Branch
	Mar. 17, 18	Gaylord
Builders' Estimating Class 1	Dec. 13	West Branch
	Dec. 19	Gaylord
	Mar. 7	West Branch
	Mar. 14	Gaylord
Builders' Estimating Class 2	Dec. 15	West Branch
	Dec. 20	Gaylord
	Mar. 9	West Branch
	Mar. 16	Gaylord
Electrical Code Update	Dec. 2&3	West Branch
	Dec. 6, 7, & 8	Gaylord

For More Information Contact:
Mark McCully, Director of
Workforce Development
M-TEC @ Kirtland Gaylord
60 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, Michigan 49735
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Check website for latest class location and times.
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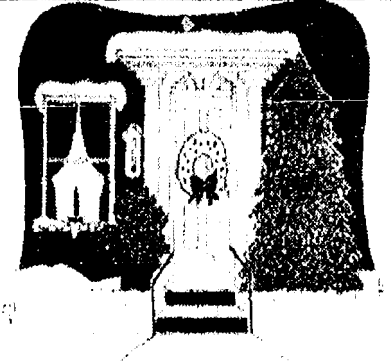

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Grayling, Michigan 49738

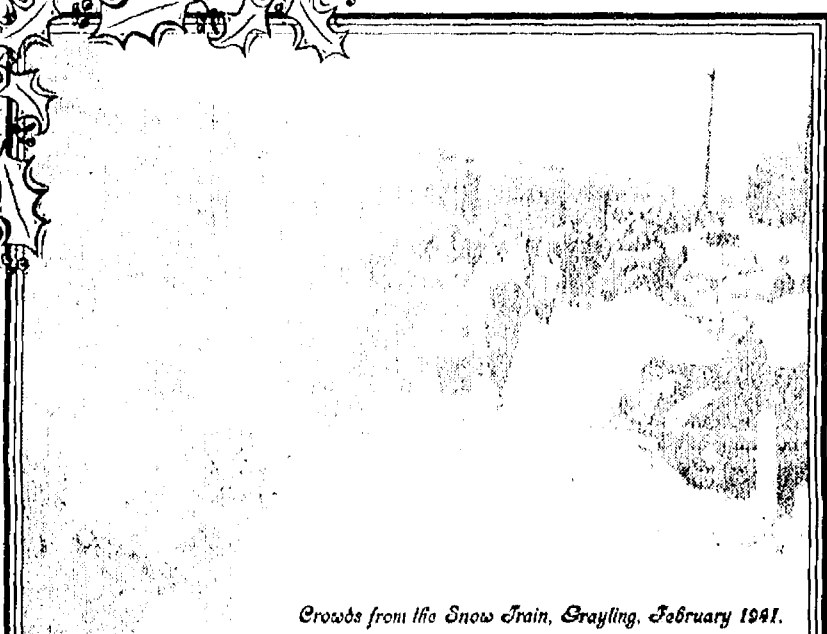



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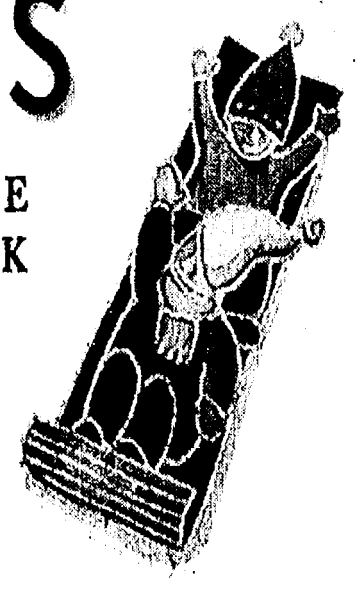
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Wrestling team opens league schedule with two victories

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The Vikings also won both exhibition matches vs. Elk Rapids. Cory Shear (160) won with a first round pin and Dan CdeBaca (heavyweight) pinned his opponent in the third round.

The night ended with Grayling's match against Kalkaska.

At 119, Verlinde lost in overtime after the third round ended in a 3-3 tie. Grayling tied the score at 6-6 with a second round

pin by Stephen Grove (125). The Vikings forfeited 130.

Kalkaska won the next two matches by decision - 12-0 at 135 and 7-0 at 140. The Blazers led 19-6.

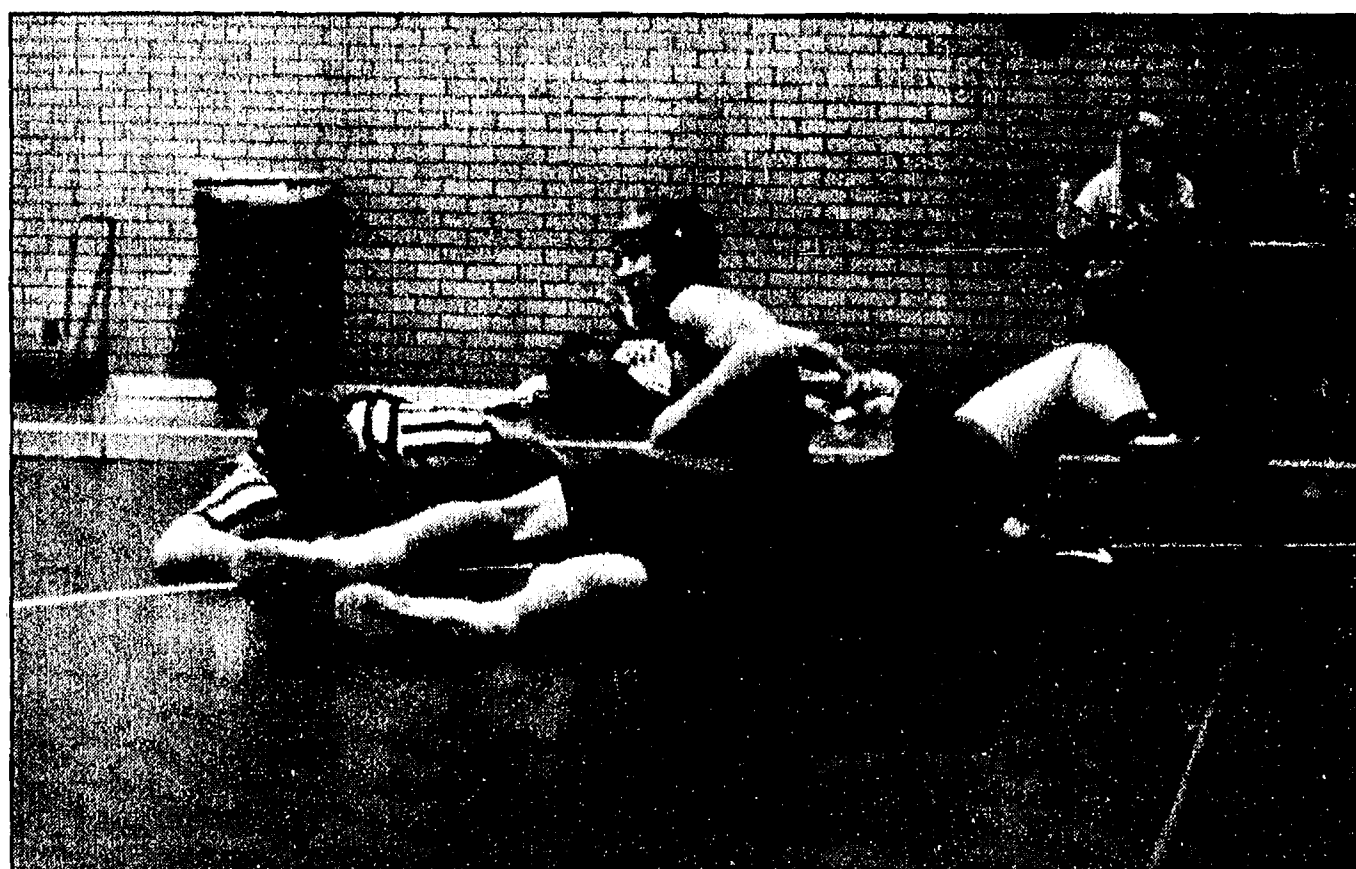
Malone won the 145-pound weight class with a first round pin. Bancroft (152) and Metzger (160) won by default, giving GHS a 24-19 advantage.

Reynolds (171) won an 8-4 decision. Walker (189) won by forfeit. Ferrigan (215) pinned his

opponent in the first round to give Grayling a 20-point lead with three weight classes to go, clinching a Viking victory. Kalkaska won the heavyweight division with a second round pin.

Grayling forfeited the last two weight classes (103 and 112) but finished with a two-point victory, 39-37.

The Vikings will compete in the Freeland Invitational on Thursday, Dec. 29.



Jeff Bancroft (160) pins his Elk Rapids opponent on Thursday night.



Frank McLeod (above) and Matt Haight (below) wrestle against the Elks.



Varsity squad posts 71-59 victory at West Branch

■ Vikings lose at Boyne City 61-58 on Friday in conference opener

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team moved to 3-0 with a 71-59 non-conference victory at West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Tuesday, but fell to 3-1 with a 61-58 loss at Boyne City on Friday in the squad's league opener.

Against the Falcons of Ogemaw, Grayling led 19-16 after one quarter and had a 42-35 lead at halftime. The Vikings had a 58-48 advantage after three quarters and won the game by 12 points, 71-59.

Eli VanNuck scored 32 points for the Vikings. Mike Boylan had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Reagan Schmidt had 10 points, 6 assists, and 5 steals. Zach Dean had 8 points and 9 rebounds. Ryan Feldhauser, Zac Baker, and Bobby Starks also scored points for GHS.

"We played very well in transition tonight. I thought that our defensive intensity was top notch and we wore West Branch down as the game went on. Eli VanNuck and Reagan Schmidt had solid games at both ends of the court," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Mike Boylan and Zach Dean rebounded very well in the second half."

On Friday, the Vikings opened their Lake Michigan Conference schedule with a 61-58 loss at Boyne City.

The Ramblers led 21-10 after one quarter. Boyne City had a

29-21 advantage at halftime and took a 44-35 lead into the fourth period. The Vikings outscored BC 23-17 in the final eight minutes but lost by three points, 61-58.

VanNuck had 25 points and 10 steals for GHS. Jim Boylan added 10 points. Dean had 10 rebounds. Steve Hodge had 8 points and 3 assists. Ron Johnston, Feldhauser, Starks, M. Boylan, and Baker also scored points for the Vikings.

"Our defensive intensity was a 'no-show' for this game. We did not play with a sense of urgency at the beginning of the game. You cannot win at the varsity level unless you play a solid 32 minutes of basketball," Coach Moffit said. "Turnovers also hurt us. We had 26 turnovers against

a team that does not play pressure defense."

"Ronnie Johnston and Zac Baker played very hard in this game," Coach Moffit added.

After winter break, the Vikings will play at East Jordan on Friday, Jan. 6. On Tuesday, Jan. 10, GHS will play at Harbor Springs.

JV basketball team wins at Boyne City 42-35

■ Vikings defeat Ramblers with a 16-10 fourth quarter on Friday night

The Vikings of Grayling High School won last Friday's JV boys basketball game at Boyne City by a final score of 42-35.

Grayling led 17-13 at halftime and took a 26-25 advantage into the fourth quarter. GHS outscored the Ramblers 16-10 in

the fourth period to win it.

"It wasn't the prettiest game, but we worked extremely hard and found a way to put the game away in the end," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Jason Drudge and Rocky McNamara both scored 12 points for the Vikings. Josh Stapleton had 7 points. Matt McDonald finished with 10 rebounds.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost to the Ogemaw Heights Falcons 64-

39 at West Branch. "The only thing we did well was force 24 steals," Coach Kucharek said.

The Vikings shot 18 of 41 from the free throw line and committed 37 turnovers in the contest. West Branch out-rebounded GHS 35-20.

The team is now 1-0 in Lake Michigan Conference games and 1-3 overall.

The Vikings play at East Jordan on Friday, Jan. 6.

9th graders win 51-49 at West Branch Ogemaw Heights

■ Vikings also win at Boyne City on Friday by a final score of 48-45

Grayling High School won last Tuesday's freshman boys basketball game at West Branch Ogemaw Heights by a final score of 51-49, and won 48-45 at Boyne City on Friday night.

The Vikings finished the game against Ogemaw strong with 35 points in the second half.

"Great second half effort,"

Coach Ryan Fritz said. "Ryan Foguth and Spencer Dean played very well on defense. Jimmy Osga hit two big fourth quarter three-pointers."

Leading scorers for Grayling were Trent Larm (11), Foguth (10), and Osga (9).

On Friday, the Vikings posted a 48-45 victory at Boyne City.

Larm scored 12 points for the Vikings. Tyler Steffey had 9, Dean had 8, Foguth had 8, and Osga had 7 in the fourth quarter.

In week one of the season, the

Vikings lost a home game vs. Gaylord 62-57 and won their season opener vs. Roscommon 48-46.

Against Roscommon, Larm had 19 points and Steffey and Osga finished with 6 apiece. Larm scored 19 against Gaylord, Steffey added 11, and Dean had 8 points.

"Two close ones," Coach Fritz said. "Great learning opportunities for the future."

The Vikings resume their season after winter break with a game at East Jordan on Friday, Jan. 6.

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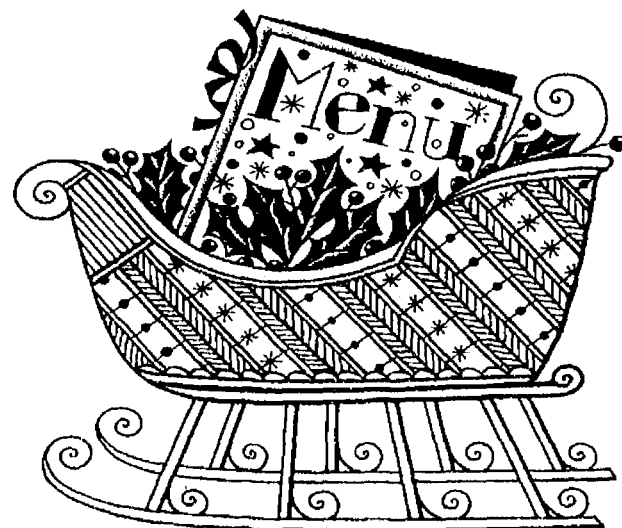

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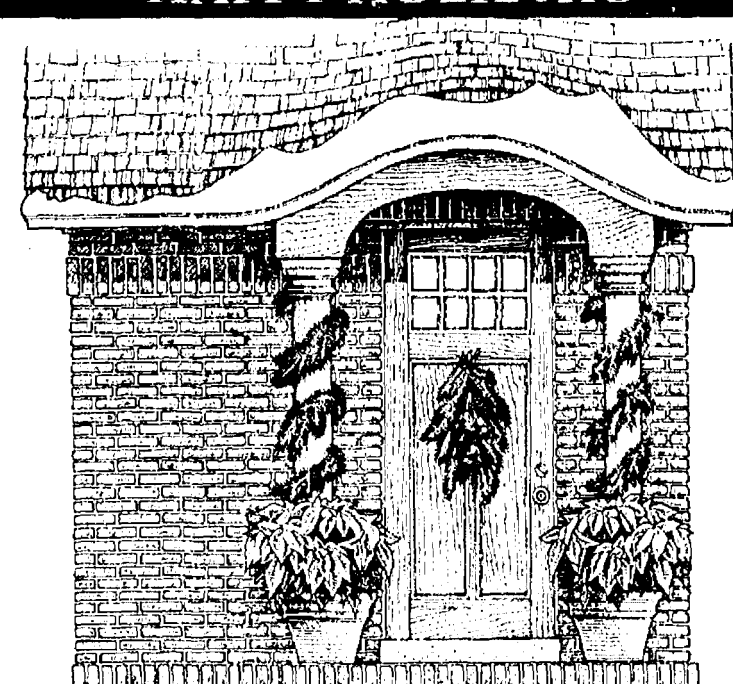
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JV volleyball team hosts Boyne City, TCSF in season opener

Grayling falls to Gladiators and Ramblers 2-1 in two three-game series

Grayling High School's JV girls volleyball team opened its 2005-06 season with a home meet vs. Boyne City and Traverse City St. Francis last Monday. The Vikings lost both series two games to one.

Against Boyne, the Ramblers won the first match 25-18 and Grayling took the second contest 25-14. Boyne City won the third game 15-12.

In the series vs. TCSF, the Gladiators won the first match 25-18 and GHS took the second game 25-23. Traverse City St. Francis won the rubber match 15-7.

"There are some things we need to work on. We played well, especially for our first match, but this team has so much potential and I can wait for everything to come together," Coach Arica D'Amour said. "Our serving and serve receive are what hurt us. We need to pass to the setter so we can attack the ball. We can't continuously give the other team free balls to attack at us."

Serving leaders for Grayling included Rachel Doremire (13

for 13 with 3 aces), Rachel Ward (13 for 14 with 3 aces), and Tiffany Davis (14 for 14 with 1 ace). Monica Peters finished with 12 attacks. Annie Melroy and Ward had 8 digs apiece. Jamie Hagerman had 3 blocks, Renee Clair had 2 blocks, Shentele Apps had 2 blocks, Peters had 1, and Melroy had 1.

"Rachel Ward, Rachel Doremire, and Tiffany Davis did a great job at keeping us in games - with their serving. All three middle attackers/blockers - Renee Clair, Jamie Hagerman, and Shentele Apps - did well on the net with blocking and hitting," Coach D'Amour said. "Monica Peters did amazing at the net with 12 attacks. Jessie (Baker)'s sets were right on. Our serve receive needs improvement but scrappers Rachel Ward and Annie Melroy had great digs to set up plays."

The GHS freshman volleyball team also hosted TCSF and Boyne City on Monday. Traverse City St. Francis won the series vs. Grayling 2-1. The Vikings lost two close games vs. Boyne City 20-25, 21-25.

The Vikings do not play again until after the holiday break. GHS has a meet at Elk Rapids on Thursday, Jan. 5.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Rachel Doremire hits the ball during last Monday's JV volleyball match vs. Boyne City.



Shentele Apps (left) hits the ball for the JV squad on Monday night. Samantha Schreiber (center) plays for the GHS freshman team vs. Boyne City. Kayla Hawes (right) sets for the freshman squad on Monday.



BOWLING LEAGUE

Friday Mixed Doubles

New "Kids" 3 - 1
Lucky & Laura's 3 - 1
IMM. 3 - 1
Moshier Auto Repair 1 - 3
American Legion 1 - 3
Double Trouble 0 - 4
High Series Men: P. Benardo, 573; D. Williamson, 557; D. Burger, 531. High Game Men: P. Benardo, 217; D. Williamson, 216; D. Burger, 205. High Series Women: M. Moshier, 521; C. Osborne, 491; P. Benardo, 475; High Game Women: M. Moshier, 191; K. Moshier, 184; P. Benardo, 179.

Recreation League

Mickey Perez, CPA 3 - 1
Woody Girls 3 - 1
Glen's Market 3 - 1
Days Inn 3 - 1
American Legion 1 - 3
Hawk Ridge 1 - 3
Coldwell Banker 1 - 3
Gr. Nursing Center, 1 - 3
High Series: M. Starks, 566; T.

Benardo, 549; T. Harney, 506. High Game: M. Starks, 221; T. Benardo, 204; D. Mead, 195.

Senior Bowling

Flowers By Josie 36.5 - 23.5
Kicking Grass 35 - 25
Spike's 35 - 25
Stitches By Sue 30 - 30
Bear's Den Pizza 28 - 32
Lone Pine 27 - 33
Grayling Pharmacy 25.5 - 34.5
Sylvester's Sports 23 - 37
High Series Women: C. Clark, 499; H. Stairs, 464; S. Barber, 438. High Game Women: C. Clark, 184; H. Stairs, 166; M. Rysso, 162. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 569; L. Crampton, 554; A. Smith, 541. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 232; L. Crampton, 201; A. Smith, 200.

Pioneer League

McDonald's 36 - 16
Chemical Bank 29 - 23
Cal Dutton Const. 28 - 24
Grayling Restaurant 27 - 25
Spicy Bob's 25 - 27

AJD Forest 23 - 29
Tim's Collision 22 - 30
Thad Pooley Painting 18 - 34
High Series: K. Moshier, 519; J. Cousins, 493; C. Clark, 490. High Game: L. Golnick, 191; M. Rock, 189; J. Cousins, 188.

American Men's League

Grayling Chiropractic 35 - 14
Scheer Motors 32 - 17
Fenton's Auto Serv. 30 - 19
McLeans ACE 24 - 25
Canfield's 21 - 28
Derwich Ind 20 - 29
Moore's Auto 18 - 31
GADCO 16 - 33
High Series: Lance Davis, 649; D. Henning, 643; Larry Davis, 600. High Game: Larry Davis, 258; Lance Davis, 246; D. Henning, 245.

National First

J-Bar 68 - 30
Scott Pittman Bld. 64 - 34
Legion Lanes 59 - 39
Faustman's Insurance 52 - 46
Corky's Karaoke 49 - 49

Sawmill 37 - 61
Great Lakes Mort. 33 - 58
Upper Lakes 23 - 75
High Series: A. Angove, 657; B. Harris, 621; P. Faustman, 620. High Game: P. Faustman, 245; B. Harris, 244; A. Angove, 238.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn 98
Holiday Inn 85
Sawmill II 82
Legion 81
Sawmill I 80

Growlers Pub 78
5 Ball Runs: Cindy and Melonie (Holiday Inn); Sis, 2, (Frederic Inn); Johanna (Legion); Jill (Growlers Pub); and Dee (Sawmill II); 6 Ball Runs: Jill, 2,

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FEATURES

A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
December 23, 1982

Slowly, like a giant bear, Hanson Hills is waking up from a long winter's slumber. Toward the end of the 70's the park had practically gone into hibernation compared to the use it received during its heyday starting in the early 1930's and hitting its peak in the forties and fifties. This year, park manager Howard Taylor is betting more people will re-discover the recreational area. Some new attractions this year are nine lighted ski slopes, including two back trails.

Grayling brought home its first volleyball trophy in the school's history last weekend taking second in the eight-team Inland Lake Invitational.

After forty years with the Crawford County Road Commission, 28 years in supervisory positions, Norman Feldhauser will be retiring ending a reign that began in July, 1939.

Four fires strike area homes during the week.

A nativity scene owned by Flowers by Josie and displayed at Grayling State Bank brought attention to Grayling when it made regional television newscasts. The scene was made for Bob Cole and Ernie Dawson, owners of Flowers by Josie, by a German company and has a retail value at about \$8,000.

Tex, starring Matt Dillon and Meg Tilly, rated PG is now showing at the Rialto Theatre.

Grayling varsity boys basketball team overcame Cheboygan and Gaylord to stretch their winning streak to three games.

Tim Ferrigan, a 1982 GHS graduate who led the Vikings wrestling team to a third place finish in class C last year, has continued his winning ways at the college level. Ferrigan, a freshman at Muskegon Community College has already posted 12 wins with only three losses to date.

The sixth annual Grayling Snow Bowl football game will be played Sunday, Dec. 26, between two six-man teams led by Gary Fox of Grayling and Paul McClain, of South Branch Township. The two teams have played the tackle football game for the last five years in conditions ranging from two feet of snow and 10 degree temperatures to mud and rain. The losing team donates money to a charity picked by the winning team.

Grayling wrestlers destroyed Charlevoix 62-8 and then brought home another trophy finishing second at the St. Ignace Invitational.

The Woodside Dining Room at the Grayling Holiday Inn, is advertising a Christmas Day Buffet. The buffet is open from

noon until 9 p.m., cost is \$6.95 for adults and senior citizens and children under 12 \$5.95, under 5 years of age, free.

46 Years Ago
December 24, 1959

Michigan is about to have one of the largest TV production centers in the nation that will create a completely new type of film in the television field. Responding to the requests of democratic statesmen for an ideological answer to Communism, Moral Re-armament begun construction of a TV film studio on Mackinac Island.

At the annual board meeting of the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce, it was decided that Leon Rochette and Bob Hayes would represent the chamber at the State Chamber organizational meeting in Lansing.

The Sisters of Mercy were, hostesses to Drs. Clippert, Henig, Blaha, Stealy and Dosch, their wives, and the hospital personnel and their spouses at a Christmas party in the hospital auditorium. Christmas music on hi-fi recordings provided background music and entertainment was provided by some of Mrs. Arthur Feldhauser's music students.

The Rialto Theatre announces admission price changes. Adults, 75¢, children under 12, 40¢. Prices effective December 25, 1959.

The A & P store advertised attractive holiday wrapped cigarettes, a carton of regular is \$2.29, kings and filters are \$2.39 a car-

ton. Lettuce is 2 heads for 39¢ and sherbet is 49¢ per half gallon.

69 Years Ago
December 24, 1936

Offices of the city of Grayling and the city library are now comfortably quartered in the remodeled fire hall.

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Mrs. Effie Hunter has resigned from her job as reporter for the Avalanche and has accepted a position as a bookkeeper at the Burke garage.

92 Years Ago
December 25, 1913

Christmas in Grayling without snow and cold weather is a rather unusual event, but such is the case this year.

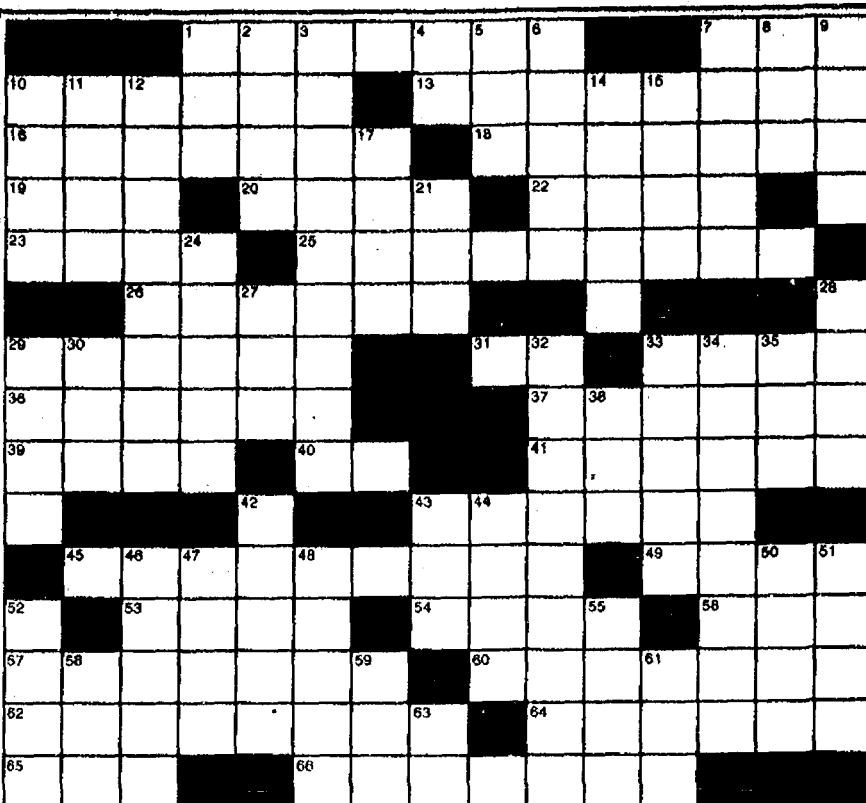
C.S. Barber, of Frederic finished his job cuttings logs, 7,000,000 feet for A. Lewis.

J.W. Burke had the misfortune to lose one of his driving horses Friday night at Frederic.

Miss Emma Frederickson, who has been a compositor in the Avalanche office for more than a year, has resigned her position and will attend Ferris Institute.

It certainly is fine to hear that old time whistle again at the Walsh manufacturing plant in Frederic.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Plural of "spectrum."
 - Ornamental trophy in sports competitions.
 - Fine cord used in sewing.
 - Stare longer.
 - Little root.
 - Quality of no importance.
 - Whole.
 - Different.
 - Closely connected.
 - Money.
 - Traveling about without any clear destination.
 - Commands given by a superior.
 - Island in Western Samoa.
 - Objective case of "we."
 - Chalcedony with alternating black and white bands.
 - Compensation for an injury or insult.
 - Unwind from a reel.
 - Hide.
 - In order that.
 - Disqualify oneself in a particular case.
 - Fruit juice especially when undiluted.
 - Gain upon.
 - Separate out.
 - Something causing misery.
 - Child who behaves badly.
 - Beverage made by steeping tea leaves in water.
 - Causing awe.
 - Relating to the Ural Mountains.
 - Someone from Kashmir.
 - Entertains as a guest.
 - Previous to.
 - Crisp, smooth, lustrous fabric.
- Down
- Put something in a particular place.
 - Lacking in brightness.
 - Small plant of the Alps with white flowers.
 - Function word to indicate direction toward.
 - Allow a line to feed freely.
 - Make amends for.
 - Small, rough-haired breed of terrier from Scotland.
 - Large pot for making coffee in large quantities.
 - Small cylindrical pins used to plug a hole.
 - Light one-horse carriage with springs.
 - Hollow area in something solid.
 - 1991 film starring Jane Fonda.
 - Daniel J. Phil Berquist in City Slickers.
 - Descendant of a native of Thailand.
 - Male monarch.
 - Existing thing.
 - Herbert, author of Dune.
 - Past tense of "do."
 - Foley, Beverly Hills Cop.
 - State of being purchasable.
 - Acronym for Atomic Mass Unit.
 - Fill to an excessive degree.
 - AKA killer whales.
 - Inflammation of a nerve accompanied by pain and sometimes loss of function.
 - Affirmative.
 - (clean), it is said of an honest wine with the well-defined characters.
 - Toxic secretion in animals.
 - Steal.
 - Very light brown.
 - Excessively fat.
 - Hastily.
 - Send money to pay for merchandise.
 - Achievement requiring great courage.
 - Makes brown by sun exposure.
 - Thomas, Matt McGuire on Lizzie McGuire.
 - Stretched tight.
 - Open state of armed conflict.
 - Period of time marked by distinctive character.
 - Wait, historical novel writer for children.
 - In the event that.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Three Berry Freezer Jam

3 (6 oz.) bags frozen unsweetened strawberry, blueberry and blackberry fruit 1 1/2 cups sugar
1 (1.59 oz.) pouch freezer jam pectin combination

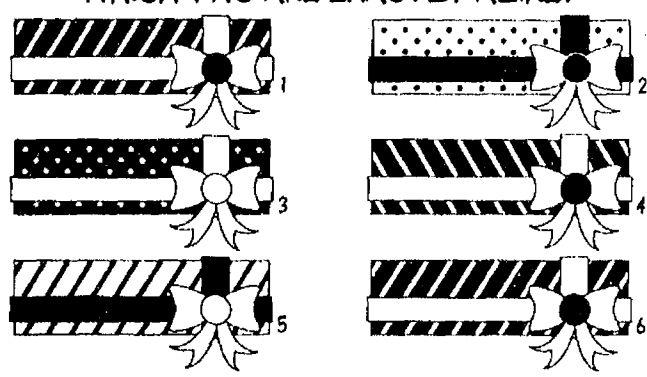


Defrost berry combination, allowing a few ice crystals to remain. Crush berries with a potato masher. Measure 4 cups crushed berries; set aside. Combine sugar and pectin in a medium bowl, stirring until evenly combined. Add crushed berries. Continue stirring for 3 minutes. Ladle jam into freezer jars, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Adjust caps. Let jam stand at room temperature until thickened, about 30 minutes. Label jars and freeze. Yields about six 8-ounce jars.



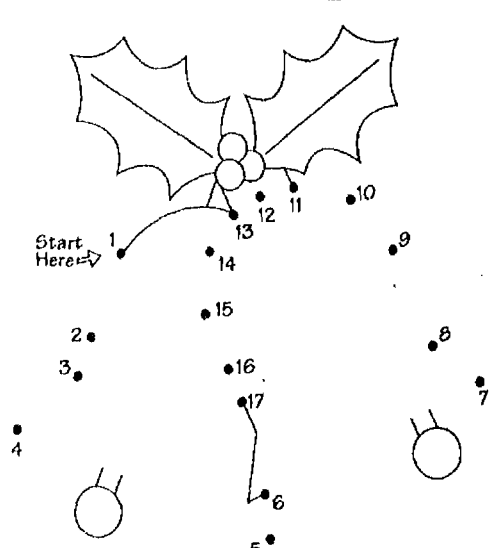
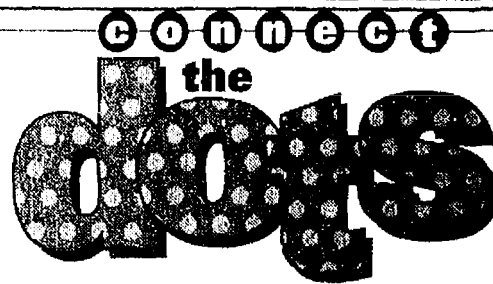
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For the Week of December 22, 2005



December 22- January 19
The holidays are rapidly approaching. Capricorn. Make certain you're ready. A friend whisks you away on one last adventure before the festivities begin.



March 21- April 19
A debate turns ugly at home. Step in and play peacemaker. Aries. Hearty wishes are headed your way. Return the favor with some homemade goodies.



June 22- July 22
Houseguests arrive with a little surprise. Have fun! You have a falling out with a loved one. Swallow your pride and kiss and make up.



September 23- October 22
Uh-huh, Libra. Now is not the time to be a snoot. Something has been hidden from you for good reason. Leave it be and all will be revealed in good time.



January 20- February 18
Tsk, tsk. You've made far too many excuses lately. Aquarius. Get your act together. Troubles at home require immediate attention.



April 20- May 20
All eyes are on you to come up with a creative solution to an ongoing problem. Don't disappoint. A misunderstanding puts a damper on a family gathering.



July 23- August 22
A run-in with an enemy reopens old wounds. Work to get past it. Business picks up—celebrate your good fortune with family and friends.



October 23- November 21
Tick, tick, tick. Time is running out for you to finish a project at work. Pick up the pace, Scorpio. Miracles of the season reaffirm your faith in humankind.



February 19- March 20
Shh, Pisces. A friend confides in you. Don't tell a soul. A mix-up in travel plans tests your patience. Remain calm and everything will work out.



May 21- June 21
Parties abound this week. Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to have a ball. A midnight rendezvous with your special someone puts you on cloud nine.



August 23- September 22
A round of applause at work makes you eager for more. Sit down, set some priorities and get ready to strut your stuff!



November 22- December 21
The gift-giving season has arrived, Sagittarius, but you're quickly running out of ideas. Look around you—there are some good ideas right in front of your nose.

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Last Week						
Date	H	L	Snow			
12/14	28	11	0			
12/15	27	20	4			
12/16	29	25	2			
12/17	n/a	n/a	0			
12/18	n/a	n/a	0			
12/19	29	10	2			
12/20	23	11	0			
Extended Forecast						
(Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High	30	36	33	33	32	High
Low	27	28	26	26	17	Low
	Light Snow	Light Wintery Mix	Rain/Snow Shower	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Snow Shower

2005-2006 FOOTBALL CONTEST

PLAY 2 WIN -WEEKLY PRIZES-

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Sports Cap - Scott McNamara Ford of Grayling
Free 20 lbs. Propane Cylinder Fill Up - Fick & Sons
One Free Lunch (\$8.95 value) - Holiday Inn of Grayling
\$50 - Crawford County Avalanche
Gift Certificate - Comfort Center
\$10 Gift Certificate - J. Dap Co.
\$10 Gift Certificate - Medicine Shoppe

Week 15 Winner:
Arnold Randall Jr. with
13 correct winning in the
1st tiebreaker with his
pick of 46.

Week 15 Winning Games


- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Cincinnati | 10. San Diego |
| 2. New England | 11. Seattle |
| 3. NY Giants | 12. Jacksonville |
| 4. Denver | 13. Cleveland |
| 5. Houston | 14. Philadelphia |
| 6. Carolina | 15. Chicago |
| 7. Washington | Tie Breaker 1- 58 |
| 8. Miami | Tie Breaker 2- 21 |
| 9. Pittsburgh | Tie Breaker 3- 19 |

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Game 2 _____	_____	Game 9 _____	_____
Game 3 _____	_____	Game 10 _____	_____
Game 4 _____	_____	Game 11 _____	_____
Game 5 _____	_____	Game 12 _____	_____
Game 6 _____	_____	Game 13 _____	_____
Game 7 _____	_____	Game 14 _____	_____
		Game 15 _____	_____

Tiebreaker 1 Game #1 _____ Tiebreaker 2 Game #9 _____ Tiebreaker 3 Game #15 _____

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(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

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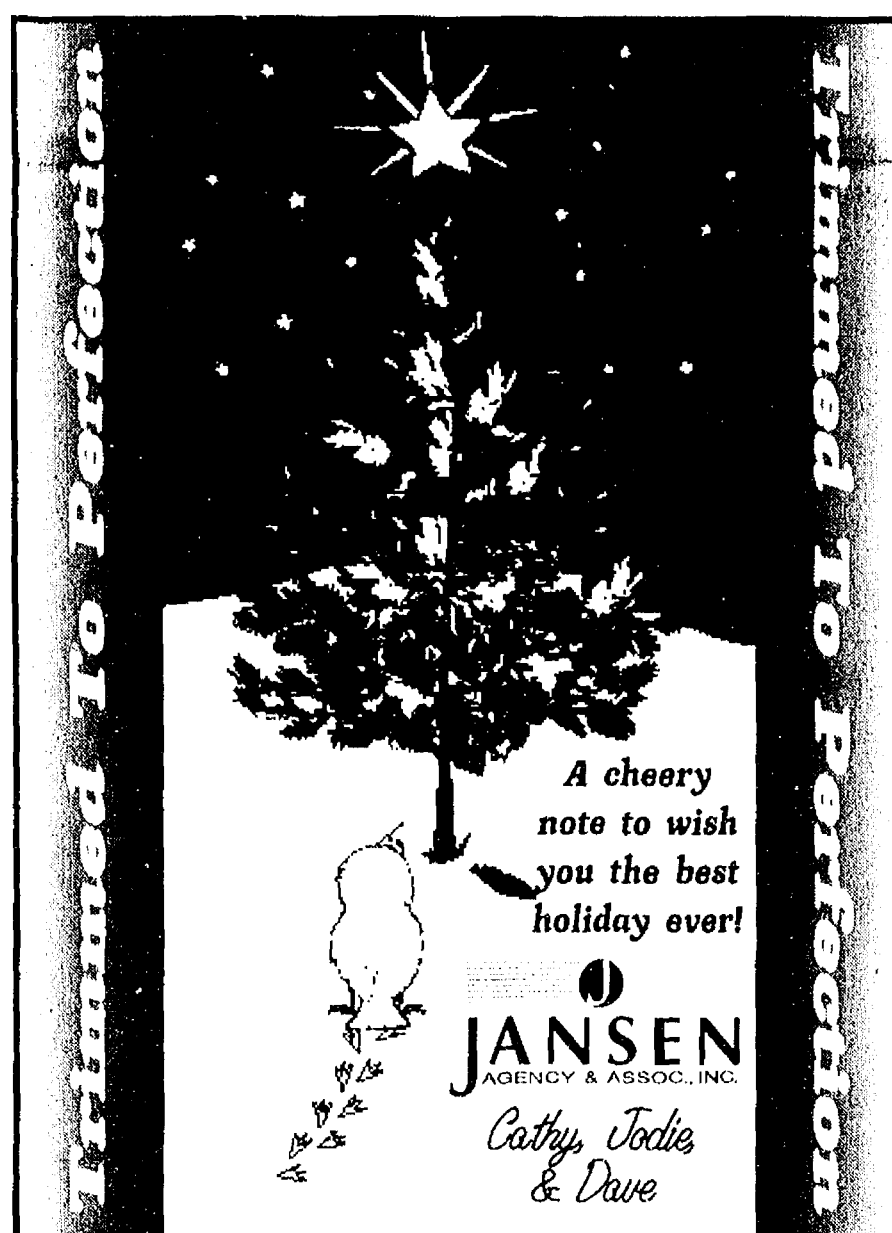
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Thursday, December 22, 2005

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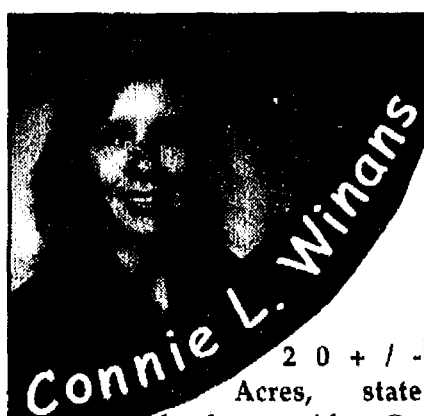


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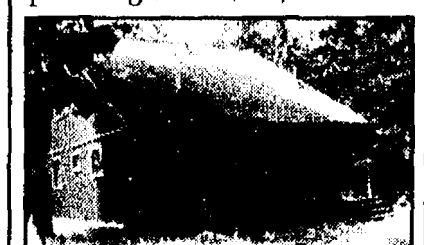
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This home has great curb appeal. Exceptional four bedroom home with two and 1/2 baths and a total of 2,358 s/f of custom living space. Located on the Fox Run Golf Course this home features an attached garage and 20x36 detached garage for additional storage. #5363 \$275,000

Stunning rolling hill views from this newer 3 bedroom 2 bath home on 10 acres. Lighted paved driveway, Central Air, and beautiful landscaping are just a few of this home's many features. Call today for your personal showing. \$135,000 #5566

What a set-up! Beautifully landscaped 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on over an acre of land with a view of Lake Margrethe. Stunning family room/sun room has floor to ceiling trapezoid windows. Attached garage, 24x32 pole barn, 16x40 pole barn and guest cabin. #5567 \$198,900

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3. Employment

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GRAYLING MERCY HOSPITAL has an opening for a casual Registered/Certified Respiratory Therapist to provide quality respiratory therapy for our patients. Variable hours and schedule to fill in for staff vacations and leaves. Must be Registered or Certified by the National Board for Respiratory Care. Previous experience preferred. Please contact:

Human Resources - Mercy Hospital Grayling
1100 E. Michigan Avenue
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e-mail: slewis@trinity-health.org



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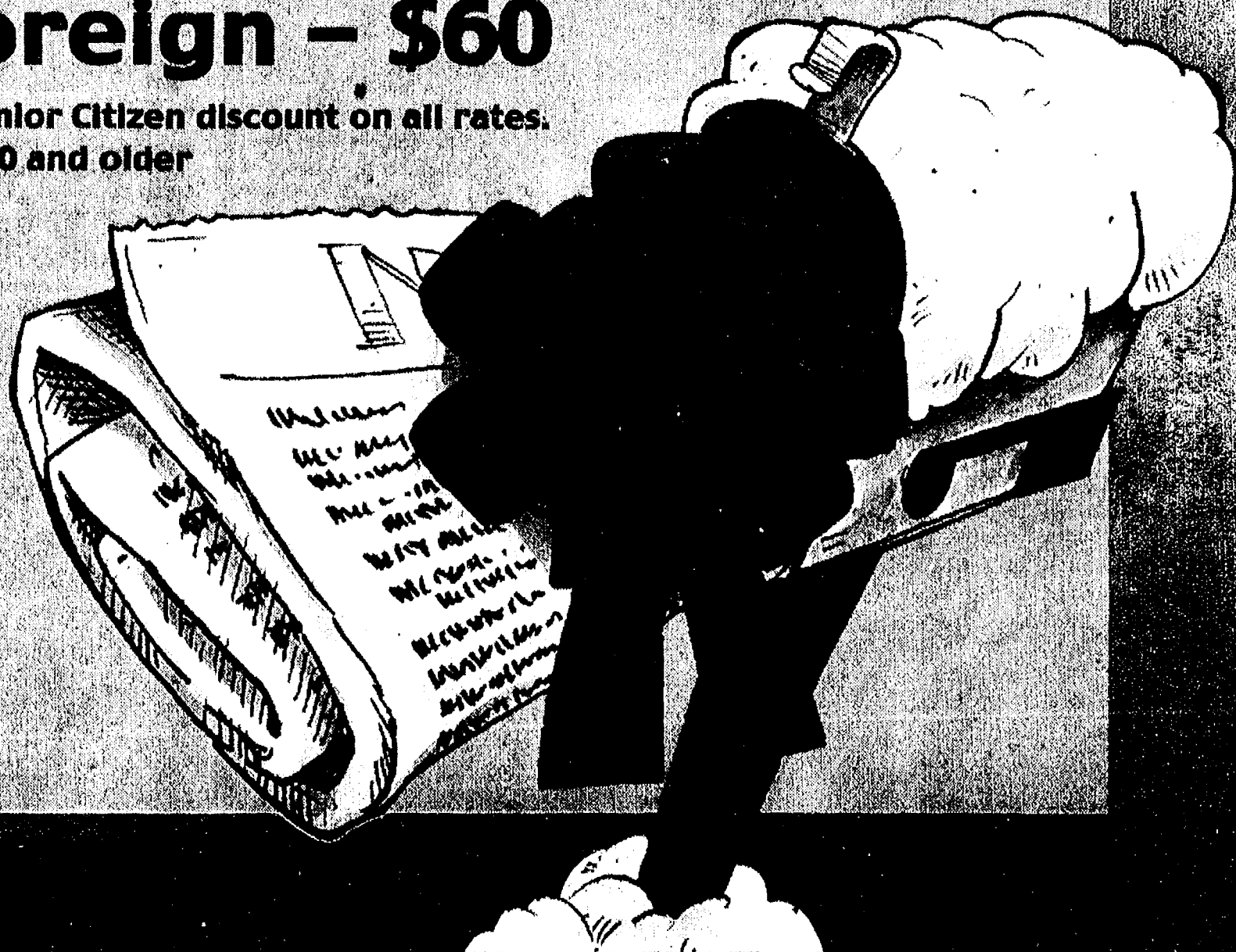
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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

CASE NO. 05 6853 CZ
COURT ADDRESS 200 W. MICHIGAN
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989-344-2841

PLAINTIFF
WILLIAM H. NICHOLAS
VS

DEFENDANT
MBC ASSOCIATES
Plaintiff's attorney
David R. Sabin P19822
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(989) 348-5588

TO: MBC ASSOCIATES
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to property in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before January 5, 2006. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, T27N, R3W, commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 21, T27N, R3W; thence North 89 degrees 39'52" West along the South Section line 326.21 feet; thence North 01 degrees 08'11" East 1329.68 feet to the South 1/8 line; thence North 89 degrees 42'01" West along the 1/8 line 325.97 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence South 01 degrees 08'48" West 997.11 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40'24" West to the Easterly lot line of Lot 77, AuSable Woods #3 16.37 feet; thence North to a point on the 1/8 line that is 290.0 feet East of the Northeast corner of Outlot "A" (also identified on the recorded plat as White Pine Park); thence East along the 1/8 line to the Point of Beginning.

Date: 11-30-05
HONORABLE JANET M. ALLEN
P30817

-8-15-22

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 05-7071-DE
Estate of LeRoy Harris Christian
Date of birth: 11/07/1913

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, LeRoy Harris Christian, who lived at 111 Dale St., Grayling, Michigan died 11/03/2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jacquelyn Sabon, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 11/29/05
Todd H. Nye P59301
306 State St., P.O. Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-6141
Jacquelyn Sabon
23815 Manila
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 05-7070-DE
Estate of Milo R. Priestley
Date of birth: 2/13/1911

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Milo R. Priestley, who lived at 7021 Military Rd., Twp. of Beaver Creek, Michigan died April 21, 1978.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Priestley, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 S. Michigan Ave., Grayling and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Curt Ollikainen P37052
432 N. Saginaw St. Suite 504
Flint, MI 48502
(810) 257-0400
Robert Priestley
8285 N. Pine Haven Point
Crystal River, FL 34428

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MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael W. Bendig and Edna F. Bendig, husband and wife, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated February 20, 2005 and recorded March 8, 2005 in Liber 674, Page 105, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Amerquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-R2 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2005, Without Recourse by assignment Dated November 17, 2005 and recorded November 28, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 670 Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen and 19/100 Dollars (\$132,416.19) including interest at the rate of 8.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 25, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and the west one-half of Lot 45, Block 15, Sixth addition, Portage Lake Park, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records; and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 15, Sixth addition to the Portage Lake Park and Lots 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50, Block 18, Sixth Addition to the Portage Lake Park, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgage can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: December 22, 2005
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC

Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Amerquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-R2 Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of March 1, 2005, Without Recourse, As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 214.2580

-22-29-5-12-19

Mortgage Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Gary Rodden and Carolyn Rodden, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Walter L. Weber, Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 1, 2004, and recorded on October 8, 2004, in Liber 671, pages 891-892 inclusive, Crawford County Records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$56,569.66, including interest at 11% per annum, and including 6 late fees. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by

selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. local time, at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court facility, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan, and is described as: The East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 25, T25N, R2W.

The redemption period will expire one (1) year from the date of sale, unless it is determined that the property is abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: November 25, 2005
s/ John E. Rosczyk (P22847)
Attorney for Mortgagee, Walter L. Weber
243 Lake Street, P.O. Box 535
(989) 275-8966

-1-8-15-22-29

Notice Of Foreclosure

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RONALD L. TROJANEK MARRIED AND LAURA L. TROJANEK HIS WIFE TO FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 11, 2002, and recorded on November 08, 2002, in Liber 606, on page 235, in CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC. by an assignment dated December 01, 2004, and recorded on January 19, 2005, in Liber 673, on page 393 in CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty three thousand twenty six and 72/100 Dollars (\$83,026.72), including interest at 7.625% per annum WITH AN ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on January 11, 2006.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 5, WOODHURST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 03 OF PLATS, PAGE 05, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 08, 2005
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

ATTORNEY FOR: NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC.
Assignee of Mortgagee

For More Information Call:
(248) 540-7701

-8-15-22-29

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP

Ordinance No. 12-13-05 of 2005

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE #10-14-03

THE TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Article XVI, Section 16.02 Subsection (f) - Penalties for Violations.

Article XVI, Section 16.02, Subsection (F)(1) of the Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

1. Any person, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, association, or other legal entity who creates or maintains a nuisance per se as defined in this Ordinance or violates or fails to comply with any provisions of this Ordinance or any permit issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction. Every day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense under the provisions of this Ordinance. Pursuant to MCLA 600.8727, as amended, Lovells Township reserves the right to collect all costs in connection with the municipal civil infraction up to a maximum amount of \$500.00. The Township shall establish a fine schedule for its municipal civil infractions, which shall be filed with the court and updated at the discretion of the Township Board pursuant to the dictates of law. Nothing in this section shall exempt the offender from compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section XX. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after being published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP

By: Frederick C. Schaibly, Supervisor
By: Cheryl L. Hopp, Clerk

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Tipton, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 8, 2002, and recorded on March 21, 2002 in Liber 574 on Page 122, and assigned by mesne assignments to Homeside Lending Inc., as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty And 09/100 Dollars (\$108,140.09), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots numbered 714 and 715, Indian Glens of the AU Sable, No. 6, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1 through 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 15, 2005
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #058104F02

-15-22-29-5

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arthur C. Brandt, a married person and Christine M. Brandt, his wife, signing as to her dower interest, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2002, and recorded on November 27, 2002 in Liber 609 on Page 435, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine And 31/100 Dollars (\$195,979.31), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 18, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit No. 5, Fox Run Estates Condominium, according to the Master Deed Recorded in Liber 364, Pages 337 through 387, Inclusive, Crawford County Records, and designated as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision No. 2, with rights in General Common Elements as set forth in said Master Deed and pursuant to Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended by Act 538 of the Public Acts of 1982 and Act 113 of the Public Acts of 1983, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 15, 2005
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #075905F01

-15-22-29-5

Foreclosure

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE #7 Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVEN NICHOLS AND JAYE NICHOLS, HUSBAND AND WIFE to

CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 21, 1997, and recorded on November 13, 1997, in Liber 441, on page 441, in CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE assignment to MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1997-5 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty six thousand three hundred fifty four and 90/100 Dollars (\$56,354.90), including interest at 12.875% per annum WITH AN ADJUSTABLE RATE RIDER. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on January 25, 2006. Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL 1: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS 495 FT N OF THE SW CORNER OF THE SW QUARTER OF NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R7W, THENCE E 377.2 FT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF M-72 AS NOW SURVEYED; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 487.4 FT TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY 492.5 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SW QUARTER OF NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R2W. PARCEL 2: THE N 166 FT ON CHASE BRIDGE ROAD OF THE FOLLOWING: COMMENCING AT A POINT 165 FT N OF THE SW CORNER OF THE SW QUARTER OF NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R2W, TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE 43.6 FT TO RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG COUNTY ROAD 332 FT; THENCE E 188.6 FT; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY TO A POINT 400 FT E OF POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE 400 FT TO POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SW QUARTER OF THE NW QUARTER OF SECTION 23, T26N, R2W AND A PART OF THE SE QUARTER OF NE QUARTER OF SECTION 22, T26N, R2W SAID PARCEL IS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS PARCEL "C" IN A CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY RECORDED WITH THE REGISTER OF DEEDS AT BOOK 151, PAGE 492. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. DATED: December 22, 2005 Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616 ATTORNEY FOR: MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1997-5 Assignee of Mortgagee For More Information Call: (248) 540-7701 ASAPH# 739506 12/22/2005, 12/29/2005, 01/05/2006, 01/12/2006

-22-29-5-12

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sheri Marie West, a married woman and Randall Keith West, her husband and Edward J. Walker, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 2, 1999, and recorded on June 15, 1999 in Liber 484 on Page 01, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six And 67/100 Dollars (\$65,886.67), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 11, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 13, of Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 8, 2005
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #063537F01

-8-15-22-29

Attention Grayling Township Residents

Time is running out to purchase your 2006 trash permit at the low, low price of

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On January 1,
the price will be increased to
\$50.00

Notice of Decision: Sunshine Project USDA- Forest Service, Huron - Manistee National Forests Mio Ranger District

On December 21, 2005 Mio District Ranger Steven A. Goldman signed a decision to implement the Sunshine Project. This project is located on the northwest corner of F97 and Hwy 72, approximately 7 miles west of Luzerne in Crawford County, MI (Township 26 North Range 1 West, Sections 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, and 28). This decision includes the following actions:

1) Thin approximately 1233 acres of red pine plantation, of this approximately 310 acres are within Old Growth; and approximately 1036 acres would be underburned; 2) Clearcut and regenerate approximately 234 acres of overmature jack pine to reduce hazardous fuels; 3) Clearcut and regenerate approximately 102 acres of mature aspen; 4) Harvest and restore approximately 91 acres of barrens within Old Growth; 5) Create and maintain approximately 78 acres of openings for wildlife by setting back existing vegetation; 6) Create and maintain approximately 47 acres of partially shaded fuel breaks; 7) Brush 9.7 miles of road along arterial escape routes; 8) Construct temporary roads and associated landings to remove forest products.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.11 by those who supplied substantive comments on this proposal during the 30-day comment period. Written notice of appeal of this decision must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 215.14 entitled "Appeal content." Written notice of appeal must be postmarked and submitted to USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region attention: Appeals Deciding Officer, 626 East Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202 or fax to (414) 944-3963. Appeals may be hand-delivered to the office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Central Time. Electronic appeals should be directed to appeals@eastern-region-office@fs.fed.us. Acceptable format for electronic appeals are TXT, HTML or Adobe Portable Document format, or formats viewable with Microsoft Office applications. Appeals must be received within 45 days of the date of public notification of this decision in the Oscoda County Herald.

For further information on this decision of the Forest Service appeal process, or if you have questions about the project, please contact District Ranger Steven A. Goldman at the Mio Ranger Station, 401 North Court Street, Mio, Michigan 48647, or phone (989) 826-3252 x3315. The Decision Notice, Finding of No Significant Impact, and Environmental Assessment for this project are available for review at the Mio Ranger District office or by electronic copy.

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LEGAL ACTION

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSO-
CIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO
COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFOR-
MATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED
FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CON-
TACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400
IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY
DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been
made in the conditions of a mortgage made
by: Brian C. Watkins and Julie A. Watkins,
husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"),
solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's
successors and assigns THE HUNTING-
TON MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2002,
and recorded on June 4, 2002 in Liber 583, on
Page 436, Crawford County Records,
Michigan, on which mortgage there is
claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum
of SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT
HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 41/100
DOLLARS (\$65,836.41), including interest
at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said
mortgage and the statute in such case made
and provided, notice is hereby given that
said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale
of the mortgaged premises, or some part of
them, at public vendue, at the front door of
the County Building in Grayling, Michigan
at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on January 25, 2006.

Said Premises are situated in Township of
Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and
are described as:
The North 10.01 Acres of the South 40.04
Acres of East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section
3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling
Township, Crawford County, Michigan.
TAX ID NO. 20-040-41-003-16-020-00

The Redemption period shall be 12 months
from the date of such sale.
Dated December 15, 2005
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,
Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for
Lender and Lender's successors and assigns
THE HUNTINGTON MORT-
GAGE COMPANY.

Mortgage
PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSO-
CIATES, P.C.,
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, Michigan 48075

-22-29-15-22

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be
rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee.
In that event, your damages, if any, shall be
limited solely to the return of the bid
amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been
made in the conditions of a mortgage made
by: Ronald G. Vrandenburg, Unmarried,
original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin
Financial Corp., subsidiary of National City

Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated March
9, 2004, and recorded on March 16, 2004 in
Liber 666 on Page 883, and assigned by
said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank
National Association, Trustee for the
Certificateholders of First Franklin
Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-176, Mortgage
Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-
FF6 as assignee by an assignment, in
Crawford county records, Michigan, on
which mortgage there is claimed to be due
at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four
Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Six And
54/100 Dollars (\$64,566.54), including
interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in
said mortgage and the statute in such case
made and provided, notice is hereby given
that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a
sale of the mortgaged premises, or some
part of them, at public vendue, at the front
door of the County building in Grayling at
10:00 AM, on January 11, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of
Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and
are described as: The West 1/2 of the East
1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of
the Southeast 1/4, section 7, Town 26
North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12
months from the date of such sale.
Dated: December 8, 2005
For more information, please call:
FC # 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #051691f02

-8-15-22-29

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be
rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In
that event, your damages, if any, shall be
limited solely to the return of the bid
amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been
made in the conditions of a mortgage made
by: James W. Colleen and Sandra S. Colleen,
husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to
Household Finance Corporation, III,
Mortgagee, dated September 16, 2002, and
recorded on September 24, 2002 in Liber
597 on Page 53, in Crawford county
records, Michigan, on which mortgage
there is claimed to be due at the date hereof
the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight
Hundred Eighty-Four And 40/100 Dollars
(\$66,884.40), including interest at 10.48%
per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said
mortgage and the statute in such case made
and provided, notice is hereby given that
said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale
of the mortgaged premises, or some part of
them, at public vendue, at the front door of
the County building in Grayling at 10:00
AM, on January 4, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of
Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and
are described as: Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 7,
Karen Woods Subdivision, Township of

Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan,
according to the recorded plat thereof, as
recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 44,
Crawford County Records, excepting and
reserving all that certain property known as
East 1/2 of Lot 6, Block 7, Karen Woods
Subdivision, Township of Grayling,
Crawford County, Plat Liber 1, Page 44,
acquired by George Colleen and Carolyn
Colleen by deed dated 3/27/2001 recorded
4/10/2001 in Deed Volume 533 Page 329,
excepting and reserving all that certain
property known as Lot 7, Block 7, Karen
Woods Subdivision, Township of Grayling,
Crawford County Michigan, acquired by
Scott Colleen by Deed dated 5/18/1998
recorded 5/19/1998 in Deed Volume 453
Page 607.

The redemption period shall be 6 months
from the date of such sale, unless deter-
mined abandoned in accordance with
MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the
redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale.

Dated: December 1, 2005
For more information, please call:
FC # 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Household Finance
Corporation, III
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #074731F01

-1-8-15-22

Foreclosure Notice

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collect a debt. Any information obtained
will be used for this purpose. If you are in
the Military, please contact our office at the
number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been
made in the conditions of a certain mort-
gage made by:
Robert L. Butler, a Married Man
to
First National Bank of Gaylord,
Mortgagee, dated December 15, 2000 and
recorded January 10, 2001 in Liber 526
Page 609 Crawford County Records,
Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned
through mesne assignments to: SN
Commercial, LLC, an Alaska Limited
Liability Company, by assignment dated
November 2, 2005 and recorded November
18, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 548, on which
mortgage there is claimed to be due at the
date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty
Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Three
Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents
(\$230,873.29) including interest 5.5% per
annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said
mortgage and the statute in such case made
and provided, notice is hereby given that
said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale
of the mortgaged premises, or some part of
them, at public vendue, at the front door to
the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at
10:00AM on Wednesday, January 4, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of
Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and
are described as:
Lot 9, Janice Manor, according to the
recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3
of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County
Records.

Commonly known as Lot 9 Janice Manor,
Grayling MI 49738
The redemption period shall be 6 months
from the date of such sale, unless deter-
mined abandoned in accordance with
1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the

redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale.

Dated: NOVEMBER 30, 2005
SN Commercial, LLC, an Alaska Limited
Liability Company
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 05-37742_(SNS)
-8-15-22-29

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the Military, please contact our office at the
number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been
made in the conditions of a certain mort-
gage made by:
Robert L. Butler, a Single Man
to
First National Bank of Gaylord,
Mortgagee, dated October 7, 1999 and
recorded October 8, 1999 in Liber 492 Page
325 Crawford County Records, Michigan
and was partially discharged December 15,
2000 and recorded December 18, 2000 in
Liber 525 Page 212. Said mortgage was
assigned through mesne assignments to:
SN Commercial, LLC, an Alaska Limited
Liability Company, by assignment dated
November 7, 2005 and recorded November
18, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 549 on which
mortgage there is claimed to be due at the
date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty
Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Three
Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents
(\$230,873.29) including interest 5.5% per
annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said
mortgage and the statute in such case made
and provided, notice is hereby given that
said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale
of the mortgaged premises, or some part of
them, at public vendue, at the front door of
the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at
10:00AM on Wednesday, January 4, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of
Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and
are described as:
Parcel D: Part of the South half of the
Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter
of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2
West, Grayling Township, Crawford
County, Michigan described as: Beginning
at a point located distant North 01 degree
17 minutes East along the West line of said
Section 23 a distance of 1649.00 feet and
South 89 degrees 09 minutes 37 seconds
East, 665.54 feet from the Southwest corner
of said Section 23; thence continuing South
89 degrees 09 minutes 37 seconds East,
332.77 feet; thence South 01 degree 25
minutes 55 seconds West, 329.92 feet;
thence North 89 degrees 09 minutes 11 sec-
onds West, 332.50 feet; thence North 01
degree 22 minutes 36 seconds East, 329.88
feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with and subject to a 66 foot easement
for ingress and egress and public util-
ities over part of the South half of the
Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter
of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2
West.

Commonly known as Parcel D Chasebridge
Rd, Grayling MI 49738
The redemption period shall be 6 months
from the date of such sale, unless deter-
mined abandoned in accordance with

1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the
redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale.

Dated: NOVEMBER 30, 2005
SN Commercial, LLC, an Alaska Limited
Liability Company
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 05-39445_(SNS)
-8-15-22-29

Notice Of Foreclosure

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DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been
made in the conditions of a mortgage made
by: Kevin J. Haberland, an unmarried man
to: Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nomi-
nee for Lender and Lender's successors and
assigns Homecomings Financial Network,
Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 15, 2004, and
recorded on July 22, 2004 in Liber 670, on
Page 379, Crawford County Records,
Michigan, on which mortgage there is
claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum
of THIRTY THOUSAND FOUR HUN-
DRED THIRTEEN AND 89/100 DOL-
LARS (\$30,413.89), including interest at
7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said
mortgage and the statute in such case made
and provided, notice is hereby given that
said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale
of the mortgaged premises, or some part of
them, at public vendue, at the front door of
the County Building in Grayling,
Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on
January 4, 2006.

Said Premises are situated in Township of
Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and
are described as:

A piece of land commencing at the
Northeast corner of the East one-half of the
West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter
of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 26,
Town 27 North, Range 1 West; thence run-
ning South 520 feet, more or less, to the
North line of River Road, thence West
along the said North line of River Road
64.8 feet, thence North from the said North
line of said River Road to the center of
Fairview Road, thence East to the place of
beginning; and subject to easement for
highway purposes. Township of Lovells,
Crawford County, Michigan

TAX ID NO. 010-11-026-05-080-00
The Redemption period shall be 6 months
from the date of such sale unless deter-
mined abandoned in accordance with
1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the
redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale.

Dated November 21, 2005
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,
Inc., ("MERS"), solely as nominee for
Lender and Lender's successors and assigns
Homecomings Financial Network,
Inc.,

Mortgage
PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSO-
CIATES, P.C.,
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450

Southfield, Michigan 48075

-1-8-15-22

Notice Of Foreclosure

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE
ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT
AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED
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NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN
ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having
been made in the terms and conditions of a
certain mortgage made by Claudine K.
Stocker, a married woman of Crawford
County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Long
Beach Mortgage Company dated the 7th
day of December, A.D. 1998, and recorded
in the office of the Register of Deeds, for
the County of Crawford and State of
Michigan, on the 10th day of March, A.D.
1999, in Liber 0476 of Crawford Records,
on page 352, which said mortgage was
assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, former-
ly known as Chase Manhattan Bank, as
Trustee for Asset Backed Securities
Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust
1999-LB1, thru mesne assignments, on
which mortgage there is claimed to be due,
at the date of this notice, for principal and
interest, the sum of \$28,882.11 (Twenty
Eight thousand, Eight hundred Eighty Two
dollars and Eleven cents) including interest
there on at 10.99% (ten point nine nine)
percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in
equity having been instituted to recover the
debt secured by said mortgage or any part
thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the
power of sale contained in said mortgage,
and pursuant to the statute of the State of
Michigan in such case made and provided,
notice is hereby given that on, the 4th day
of January, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 a.m.
o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by
a sale at public auction, to the highest bid-
der, at the front door to the county building,
in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County,
Michigan, of the premises described in said
mortgage. Which said premises are
described as follows: All that certain piece
or parcel of land situate in the Township of
Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford
and State of Michigan and described as fol-
lows to wit:

The South one-half of West one-half of
the West one-half of the SW one-quarter of
the SE one-quarter, Section 17, Town 25
North, Range 3 West.

Commonly known as: 4436 Seven Mile
Road

Tax ID: 050-017-015-040-00

The redemption period shall be six
months from the date of such sale, unless
determined abandoned in accordance with
1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the
redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale.

Dated: December 1, 2005
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO.,
L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
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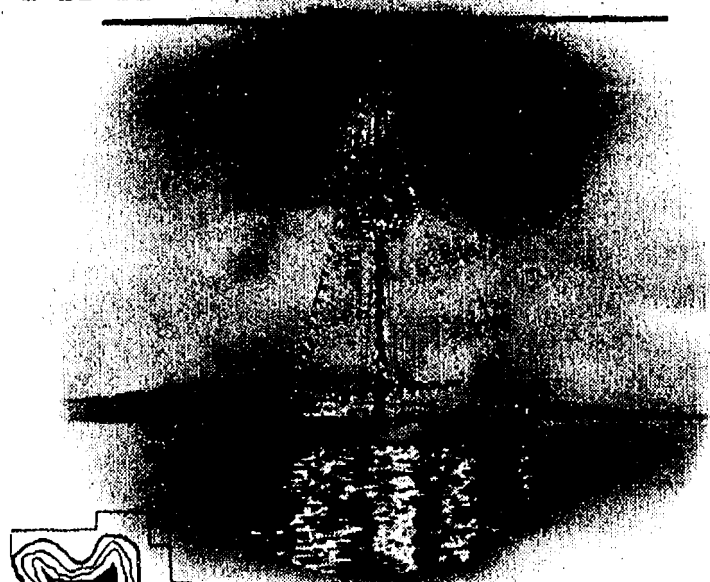
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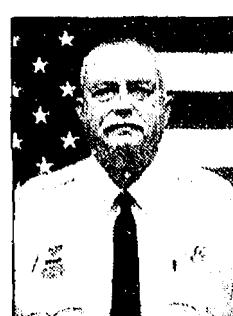


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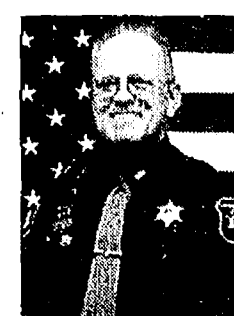
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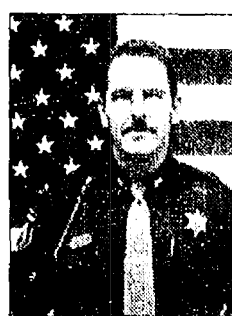
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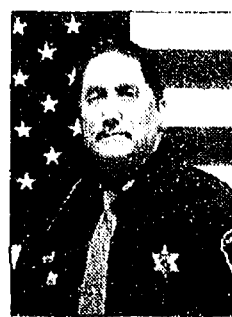
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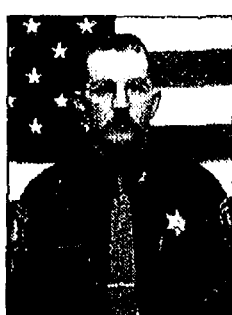
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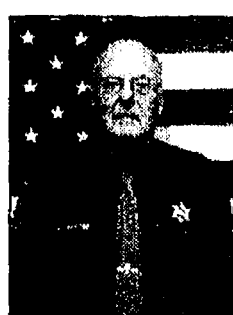
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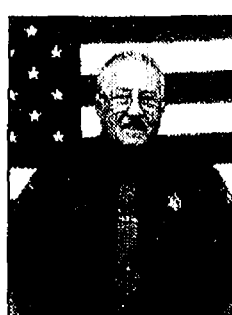
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